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SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine, speaking in its own behalf and in that of its many thousands of readers, congratulates Father Coughlin on the occasion of his birthday anniversary.

The event this year is more than a birthday. October 25th marked his 50th milestone—the half-century mark. Thus, the year 1941 has seen not only his Silver Jubilee as a Priest but his own "Golden Jubilee."

Grateful acknowledgment is made, in his name and our own, for all the birthday parties and tributes which his thousands of friends, and especially the readers and salesmen of the magazine, have planned in many parts of the country.

Here's wishing our Friend and Teacher many more birthdays; and, here's hoping that this historic year of 1941 will also see Father Coughlin's return in person to his vast national radio audience. —

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Catholic Unity Survives Diversity

THE *Johnstown Democrat*, of Johnstown, Pa., prints a remarkably complete review of recent utterances by Catholic leaders.

And its editorial comment, for a secular newspaper, is as remarkable as its analysis of opinion.

Says the editor:

"Every now and then, some prominent Catholic layman, or some member of the American Catholic hierarchy, discusses America's foreign relations in a public statement. Straightaway, in all parts of the country, Catholic laymen, Catholic editors, Catholic and non-Catholic clergymen, non-Catholic editors and statesmen, of all persuasions begin pointing out that such and such is the 'Catholic view.'

"There isn't any such thing in the United States as a Catholic economic policy, a Catholic political policy, or even a Catholic foreign relations policy," observes the Johnstown editor.

"His Eminence of Boston doesn't speak for the American people when he castigates President Roosevelt; neither does Father Coughlin; and neither does the Most Rev. Francis J. L. Beckman, Archbishop of Dubuque.

"All of the eminent churchmen who speak concerning pending issues . . . are entitled to their view. The views expressed deserve the respect accorded to men of more than average learning who have achieved eminence. But no American churchman, when he discusses worldly matters, can speak for all American Catholics any more than a Methodist or an Episcopalian bishop can speak for all Methodists or Episcopalians.

"Members of the Catholic hierarchy in America and prominent Catholic laymen do not agree concerning Mr. Roosevelt's foreign policies . . .

"It all adds up to simply this: Some Catholic churchmen are isolationists, some are not. Some eminent Catholic laymen are supporting the President and some are not. Opinion among Catholics concerning all worldly matters is divided.

"Curiously enough, this diversity of opinion among Catholics is evidence of Catholic unity. But any discussion of that point would lead us into the realms of theology and philosophy where the professionals would be able to trip us up.

"There is only one individual who can speak for Catholics and he is supreme only in the realm of faith and morals."

Pius XI on Unity

AND, speaking officially for the Church, one who has the right so to speak has said the following on the need for unity among Catholics. He was speaking about "atheistic Communism." Not quoted so frequently as to be familiar, perhaps, are these words of the late Pontiff Pius XI:

"To all our children, finally, of every social rank and every nation, to every religious and lay organization in the Church, we make another and more urgent appeal for union.

"Many times our paternal heart has been saddened by the divergencies—often idle in their causes, always tragic in their consequences —which array in opposing camps the sons of the same Mother Church.

"Thus it is that the radicals, who are not so very numerous, profiting by the discord are able to make it more acute, and end by pitting Catholics one against the other.

"In view of the events of the last few months, our warning must seem superfluous. We repeat it, nevertheless once more, for those who have not understood, or perchance do not desire to understand.

"Those who make a practice of spreading dissension among Catholics assume a terrible responsibility before God and the Church."

New Haven Birthday Dinner

THE second annual birthday celebration in honor of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin will be held in the Hotel Garde, New Haven, on Wednesday evening, November 5th, at 8 p.m. The dinner is sponsored by friends of the Radio Priest. Tickets are $1.25. For reservations call 5-5662 or inquire of any SOCIAL JUSTICE sales boy.

The dynamic young orator from New York, Mr. John J. Hennihan, Jr., a popular favorite with New England audiences, will be principal speaker. Some of the New Haven clergy also will speak.

It's Not Too Early t' Do Coupon Shopping

HELLO, FOLKS:

Well, now I know how y' ladies feel on Monday mornin's—t' wash 'r not t' wash. Th' way t'day's been, what with th' sun playin' hide'n seek with th' raindrops, I didn't know whether t' come t' th' offus 'r not. My mind was finully made up f'r me—which ushully hasta be done f'r I get a move on—so here I be. Mother Coughlin was glad t' get rid uv me. I hope you are just as glad to see me.

I wish I had somethin' excitin' t' report t' you 'bout Hallowe'en, that's just come 'n gone, but I haven't. Never did I spend such a quiet evenin' at home. Nope, never. Where are all th' spiruts 'n haunts 'n stuff that're s'posed to roam around on that night? Y' don't s'pose the state of affairs in th' land o' th' livin' has outskaired th' spooks, d' ya? I wouldn't be at all s'prized if that were th' kase, myself.

Well, whatever th' reezun was, there was nary a visater at our place. They had some up at Pal's house, though, 'n I gess they had a lotta fun. Pal told me all about it so I had a sort uv vikarious Hallowe'en selebrashun — which, while not as good as th' reel McCoy, was better'n nothin'.

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I'm havin' a awful time gettin' ennything in edgewize, even, what with my seckratary sneezin' ev'ry other word. I ast her if she were ketchin' a cold 'r was she allerjik t' somethin', like mos' ev'rybuddy is these days. She said no, she was perfektly helthy, 'n th' only things she was allerjik to was me 'n work. Well, I told her neether myself nor work was ennything t' be sneezed at, but she kept right on. Dear me —that las' one was terrifik!

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Well, between her fits, I hope t' get through this messuge. It's 'bout subskripshuns, uf korse. I don't wanna rush y' inta ennythin', folks, but if y're konsiderin' givin' a few subskripshuns t' y'r friends as Chrismus gifts, it's high time y' got busy sendin' in their names.

Now don't be like me 'n hem'n haw 'round til th' week before 'n then spekt th' offus staff t' get them entered f'r y' 'n the magazine started out t' your friends right off th' bat. We're good, but not *kwite* that good! 'Sides, y' hafta take th' post office clerks inta konsiderashun — make their work a littul lighter durin' the rush by havin' these things taken care uv erly.

It's only a word t' th' wize, folks. Here's th' littul koopon below t' start th' ball rollin' with. Jus' menshun that it's a Chrismus gift 'n it'll be taken care uv.

Well, th' sun's out now—guess I'll skip along on home while I have th' chance.

See y' later.

—Pete

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Will Regimented Labor Take Over the U.S.A.?

THE DISTURBANCE on the labor front is more cause for alarm to Americans than is World War No. 2.

The war may result in Hitler's taking over Europe, part of Africa and part of Asia. The philosophy of Naziism may gain control over a great part of the Old World. But like every other system of philosophy founded on error, it will dissolve from within.

Today, America has two mighty friends. These friends are the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. These friends—not the British navy, not the British Empire—are barriers created by God which we can use as buffers to keep this part of the world safe and secure until the storm of erroneous philosophy abroad spends itself.

Meanwhile, to all careful observers, the labor front in America is not only seething with unrest. It is promising to create national turmoil and chaos.

Now is no time to betake ourselves to the wailing wall. Now is no time to gloat editorially on the basis of "I told you so."

Now is the time to face facts.

Now is the time to abandon prejudices.

Now is the time to discard questionable principles.

Now is the time for Americans to stand shoulder to shoulder with a common design to save ourselves from ourselves.

Now is the time for industrialists and stockholders to think less of their present profits and ponder more upon their mutual security.

Now is the time for cool-headed workingmen and farmers to discover who have been leading them and where they are going; to weigh in the scales of dollars and cents, in security and liberty, the gains they have made against the losses they are about to invite.

While all sane persons are in accord with the principle of unionism for labor, only radical citizens are in sympathy with the principle of national domination by labor.

And national domination by labor is the menace with which we are confronted.

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It is useless to count the number of strikes calendared at the moment. But it is profitable to analyze the temper and the spirit behind the strikes.

The Currier housing contract — which was vetoed with the approval of Sidney Hillman (Lithuanian-born, communistic Jew), co-chieftain of the O.P.M.—merits our consideration.

Candidly, Sidney Hillman stated that if the contract for building workingmen's homes were to be awarded to the Currier Lumber Company of Detroit—at a saving of over $400,000—blood would flow in the streets of that metropolitan district and a national upheaval might eventuate.

Surface thinkers will point out that Sidney Hillman is identified with the C.I.O. Surface thinkers cannot understand why he is apparently in favor of the A.F.L. corporation bid at a waste of over $400,000.

But Sidney Hillman has a reason which goes deeper than surface thinkers can discern through the flood of his crocodile tears.

Is Sidney Hillman satisfied with the top leadership in the C.I.O., as represented by the honest Philip Murray?

For the time being, we hold fast to our own answer which we may not yet publish —an answer based on startling but factual premises.

Is Sidney Hillman "appeasing" William Green and the A.F.L.? He is no more appeasing William Green and the A.F.L. than Adolf Hitler appeased Josef Stalin several months ago. He is merely the spider inviting the fly into his web.

Despite his pledges to drive communistic elements from the C.I.O., did Philip Murray live up to those pledges which, with sincerity, he intended to fulfill? He did not because he could not. Sidney Hillman was in the way!

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The above questions are asked merely to invite your consideration of the subjects they suggest. In considering them, recollect that the citizenry of America is witnessing a civil war fought between the two camps of A.F.L. and C.I.O.—a civil war which will not terminate until the C.I.O. emerges victoriously.

That is not a far-fetched prediction. It is the plan (not of Philip Murray and the pro-American front leaders of the C.I.O.) of the back-stage manipulators who dominate the C.I.O. to evolve this labor union into a political party ruled and operated by some Sidney Hillman.

In your consideration of the above questions, take into account the millions upon millions in initiation fees and dues dollars being collected by the C.I.O.

This immense fund demands no accounting.

This billion-dollar organization pays no important taxes.

The $500,000 gift bestowed by John Lewis upon Franklin D. Roosevelt to insure the latter's election is small compared to the slush fund available for the back-stage manipulators of the C.I.O. to manage the next presidential election—if any.

Already, the Roosevelt Administration shows signs of wanting to become the labor government of the United States. In the decisions of the N.L.R.B. and of the courts, labor, apparently, is always right and capital is always wrong.

But, paging the late lamented Dr. Wirt, Roosevelt will find that he is merely the Kerensky who prepares the way for Hillman, the Stalinite.

That plan is more evident today than it was four years ago when simple-minded men, who did not see beneath the sincere promises and protestations of front men like Philip Murray, were prone to compromise with some unsound basic principles practiced, if not enunciated, by the swaddling clothed infant of C.I.O.-ism.

Eventually, John Lewis perceived what was in the offing.

Possibly, if Philip Murray dared to express his innermost thoughts, he would confess that he is greatly perturbed by the turn of events directed by the back-stage manipulators of the labor movement.

More than four years ago the red lantern of danger flickered from the door-posts of the C.I.O. Today the lantern is a fiery beacon which only the blind cannot see.

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Industrialists, stockholders and property owners, may we be bold enough to tell you that you have made disastrous mistakes in your relations with labor?

You were greedy, oftentimes. You flirted with compromise, oftentimes. Your motivating principle was current dollars instead of future security.

When will you learn? Must you, like the Bourbons of old, refuse to learn anything; refuse to forget anything?

It were better for you, before it is too late, to stand by the American principle of an open shop and defy the New Deal gov-

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ernment to take your properties over than to submit cringingly to a constitutional injustice.

Learn from the Ford Motor Corporation surrender which marked the turning point in the history of American independence. Had that corporation defied the radical leaders in the C.I.O. who demanded a closed shop together with the check-off system, possibly the United States government would have taken over the River Rouge plant; possibly, the C.I.O. radicals would have wrecked it. But that would have been a benediction.

As matters now stand, shop stewards go about the River Rouge and Lincoln plants instructing workingmen to slow down.

And the result has been a constant slow-down strike ever since the Battle of the Rouge was lost by Americans and won by radicals.

Perhaps, at this late date the Ford executives are considering the proposition of handing over their factories to the government. But the date is too late; for the radically labor-minded government now has what it wants, namely, a thoroughgoing, 100 per cent closed shop contract with the C.I.O.

At present, the United States Steel Corporation in its Kearny, N. J., plant is besieged by radical elements in labor who are demanding a closed shop. The officers of the Kearny plant refuse to surrender. The Government fears to act in sending in the Army or the Navy to manage the plant. Why? Because there is no closed shop contract; because the Government wants a cat's paw to produce one.

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Meanwhile, idealists are still meditating on ways and means to drive the radical element from the C.I.O. Their objective will never be attained until the New Deal government drives the 1,124 Red payrollees from Washington—including Sidney Hillman, the co-chieftain of the O.P.M., whose red presence casts a crimson glow over the entire labor movement in America. And this is the same New Deal Government which the idealists referred to above still support lest their properties and their personal programs become the objects of government aggression.

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Americans, awake!

While you slumber, our national home is threatened with a conflagration. The A.F.L.-C.I.O. civil war was paralleled in Germany in 1929-32. Then Nazis and Communists were fighting for mastery. Then the oppressed, exploited but misled people chose to drink Hitler's brown colored carbolic acid rather than swallow Stalin's red tinctured strychnin.

Under the guise of national defense, shall we permit our nation to be imperiled by a manipulated, purposeful, premeditated labor war which, to say the least, is indirectly promoted by the New Deal Government, which concentrates our minds on World War No. 2?

No Invasion of Europe Now

OFFICIAL circles both in London and in Washington admit that with the fall of Moscow and Soviet Russia no invasion of Europe is possible by the allies.

Already the forces of Adolf Hitler in Russia have captured more than 3-million soldiers, 65-million civilians, more than 2/3 of Russia's industry, and the major deposits of her iron and magnesium.

Conservatively, it would require Russia ten years of uninterrupted and unimpeded activity to reach the point of preparedness which was hers five months ago.

But this will never happen in our days; for Russia is smashed. Temporarily, at least, Naziism holds sway over Europe and its mixed, restless population. Temporarily, at least, international capitalism has been driven from Europe with its exploitation of the poor, its concentration of wealth in the hands of the few and its political intrigue whereby wars were created between small nations.

This is no time to lament or to rejoice. It is a time to face facts manfully. In one sense there are three sets of facts as far as Americans are concerned. Let us classify them into European facts, American facts and international facts.

As far as European facts are concerned, a new system of economy and finance opposed to the old system of international capitalism and gold will be employed. In politics, some form of regimen operating under the United States of Europe will be established while the diplomacy of British imperialism will be abandoned in the capitals of Europe. In religion, the Church will be subservient to the State until such time as churchmen, modifying (in many instances) their present viewpoint, will gain sufficient power and prestige to direct Naziism away from the pitfalls of Marxism or until Naziism (if it continues to follow Marxism) cracks up from within.

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While we Americans are interested in the tasks confronting Europeans, it is primarily the business of Europeans to solve their own post-war problems. While it will be necessary for them to reconstruct cities, build homes and reshape factories, these material enterprises are less difficult to implement than are the sociological, ethical and political problems which must be solved. Europe and Europe alone can answer her own questions.

As for America and the group of facts confronting Americans, we are greatly concerned—more concerned than we are with European affairs.

Shall we return to the *Constitution* or abandon it in theory as well as in practice?

How will the present Government handle labor and industry when, to all appearances, labor is in a position to dictate to Government?

Will Mr. Roosevelt's *naive* statement to the effect that "our debts are owed to ourselves" be accepted with all its implications to the extent that we cancel our debts either outrightly through repudiation or partially through some form of inflation?

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Now that international capitalism has been driven from Europe will we adopt Marxian Socialism or the principles enunciated by Leo XIII and Pius XI?

Do we plan to pursue a financial policy identified with the theory that money is wealth, or the more Christian theory that money is merely the servant of the people, being nothing more than a receipt for wealth?

Do we propose to accept with all its implications the gospel of majoritarian democracy or the principle of government by constitutional law which accepts the proposition that majorities may be wrong and minorities may be right?

The above questions represent only a few of the problems which confront us as we are still inclined to prepare for war and chaos when facts impose the need upon us of preparing for peace.

On the basis that Europe cannot invade America any more than America can successfully invade Europe, what are some of the international problems with which we are faced? The word "international" takes for granted that there are nations in the world. No matter what the Nazi conquest of Europe implies, it can not imply the destruction of nationality; for nations will outlast any form of government. Europe still will be composed of nations.

The United States of America will still retain its nationhood. So will Canada and so will Mexico. So will the Republics of South America. So will the nations of Asia and Australasia.

That these nations must get along together on a give and take basis which respects the fundamental traditions of each nation, must be admitted by every nation either large or small. That they must get along together peacefully is the principle that should be accepted by all.

To get along peacefully, there should be justice of such a type that the minor nations are respected on the basis of right and wrong and not on the basis of strong and weak.

Who, therefore, or what group of men will decide the right and the wrong of international behavior, of international commerce? Definitely that decision must not rest with the sword but with the spirit. If it rests with the sword there will be armies, navies and all the industrial and financial burdens associated with war. The principle of "might is right" will hold sway for a time only to crush those who invoke such a principle. The present war will prove to be only a prelude to a more devastating Armageddon in which citizens of every nation will be forced, for years, to surrender the last vestige of liberty and the last item of security.

Nationally and internationally will we continue to deify liberty untrammeled by the moral authority of law and righteousness or will we begin to emphasize security though it be necessary to impose discipline upon the thoughts and actions of all nationalities?

These are but a few of the questions and problems which both the nations and the world must answer and solve.

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Meanwhile, two schools of thought invite our support. We can follow either the Christian school of thought which is supranational, righteous and spiritual, or the Marxian school of thought which is international, majoritarian and materialistic.

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The former respects God, man and law. The latter reveres only humanity, deceit and power.

Now is not the time to lament or to rejoice. Now is the time to repent and to lift up our hearts.

For several centuries man has been trying to get along without God. First, man ostracized the authority of God through the person of His vicar on earth. Second, man attempted to humanize Christ, disregarding His Divine Personality. Third, man either actually or theoretically denied the existence of God.

In keeping step with these advances to the left, man abandoned the idea in practice of accepting his fellowman as a brother through the fatherhood of God and the motherhood of the establishment instituted by Christ, the Elder Brother.

In accepting man as mere man, and in rejecting the theory that whatsoever we do unto the least of Christ's little ones we did unto God, the principle of "might is right" developed under the guise of empire. Soon, empires began to be controlled by the mightiest forces within the empire. Soon, the error of the survival of the fittest, dressed up in such euphonious terms as aristocracy, plutocracy and democracy became the order of the day—a day identified with Bank of Englandism; for that institution gradually controlled the British Empire as did the once privately owned Bank of France control the French empire.

As an effect, the masses throughout the world were exploited and impoverished. The fortunate few were embellished and enriched, particularly since the advent of mass production machinery and mass production wars. And, finally, when the abandoned children of mankind were forsaken by their leaders to the merciless machinations of small international groups who moved tribes and peoples across the checkerboard of life to satisfy greed, hate and ambition, it was no wonder that the masses turned away from the leaders of religion to follow the false leaders of a false revolution which has brought us to the brink of chaos.

Now is the time to repent even though it costs us the loss of the poor materialities which we still possess—even at the loss of our churches; for it were better if we preached Christ and His charity in the fields and on the hillsides than to retain our cathedrals at the price of compromise.

No invasion of Europe! Well, no military invasion, if you will. But let us insist that the disease of Marxism—Naziism or Communism—will not invade America.

New Deal Officially Coddles Communists

ACCORDING to an Associated Press dispatch of October 17th, Federal Judge Samuel Mandelbaum dismissed a complaint against Gaik Badalovitch, a Soviet secret agent operating in our country without registering with the State Department.

This was done, according to the Associated Press, "at Government request 'in view of important considerations of an international character'." (Read that quotation again.)

Coincidentally, George Sylvester Viereck, supposed Nazi agent, did not have a similar case dismissed.

At what time the New Deal Government will discern that both Naziism and Communism are nothing more than manifestations of Marxism is a question.

At what time Washington officials will wage war against all forms of Marxism as vigorously as it opposes the current Berlin pattern is indefinite.

However, until such is done, America will continue gravitating towards the chasm of chaos. Thus, the leaders of thought must launch a campaign that is both negative and positive—negative against all forms of Marxism and positive towards all forms of Americanism.

As far as we are concerned, Americanism fits into the definition of sane nationalism and Christianity.

Sane nationalism teaches us that we are sovereign under our own flag, our own *Constitution* and our own traditions, all of which came into being in protest against the European ways of life.

And our Christianity encompasses the thought of charity towards all independent of race, creed or culture.

The incident associated with Judge Mandelbaum's decision is alarming because it shows a lack of understanding on the part of the Government concerning the basic ills which threaten our new world civilization.

Possibly it is too late to alter the course along which we have been traveling these past several months. We have elected to fight Naziism primarily because it imperils our economic and financial setup. In doing so, we have allied ourselves with Communism to the extent that we coddle its agents and apostles and, perforce, incline ourselves to accept their teachings which are diametrically opposed to the fundamental principles of America.

Meanwhile, we have manifested a sinful lack of positive progress, contenting ourselves to be engaged in negatives.

Yet, there is still hope if both Catholics and Protestants organize against all forms of Marxism. There is still hope if the minority Jewish leaders interest themselves in preserving the American way of life which they and their forebears were glad to accept when they came to these shores as immigrants.

To them SOCIAL JUSTICE extends the same invitation voiced by Father Coughlin in 1938 — an invitation that was then greeted with the charge of "anti-Semitism."

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It is not one-half so important that Naziism or Communism be driven out of Europe as it is that Americanism and Christianity be preserved in the United States.

This can be done despite the risk of our losing the pittance of foreign trade which we enjoyed. At its peak our foreign trade represented no more than 5 per cent of the total commercial and industrial and agricultural activities of America.

Moreover, the European people know better than do we how to handle both Communism and Naziism, both of which were bred by the abuses and excesses of international capitalism and compromising Christianity.

Any form of Marxism—be it Naziism or Communism—is fatal. Marxism is always materialistic, always atheistic, always totalitarian.

In expressing his most unfortunate and unfactual opinion relative to religion in Russia, Mr. Roosevelt displayed the weakness of the entire New Deal policy aimed at keeping Americanism in America and America for Americans. He either lacked courage of his convictions to state that this is an anti-Marxist nation or else lacked the knowledge that Communism is substantially and essentially Marxian in its entire being.

For war purposes and for war purposes alone he and his propagandists picture Russia under Communism as a land of complete religious freedom. For war purposes and war purposes alone he and his propagandists, desirous of saving the economic and financial structures practiced in America, adopt the pernicious principle of using an intrinsically bad means for a questionably good end. And that is immoral according to the American Christian code of ethics.

To our way of thinking no one can approve of the Roosevelt policies concerning aid to Russia by rationalizing approval on any distinction between the Russian people and the Russian government. As a matter of record, Mr. Roosevelt supports the Russian government as evidenced in many instances.

If he and his associates were sincere in assisting the Russian people they would have initiated a campaign to free them from the yoke imposed upon them by Josef Stalin who has accepted the code of Communism just as truly as we Americans have accepted the code of our *Constitution*.

It was March of 1937 that Pius XI wrote of "the horrors perpetrated in Russia." His Holiness said that "where Communism has been able to assert its power—and here we are thinking with special affection of the people of Russia and Mexico—it has striven by all possible means . . . to destroy Christian civilization and the Christian religion by banishing every remembrance of them from the hearts of men, especially of the young."

And the Soviet "constitution" to which Mr. Roosevelt referred in his "freedom of religion in Russia" was then many months old when Pius XI wrote the above words.

If we Americans persist in coddling Communists in our midst, neither Stalin nor Hitler will find it necessary to invade our country. Mandelbaumism will prove our undoing from within unless we stamp out not only the apostles of Marxism but also every manifestation of its ideology.

In making this statement we are conscious, we repeat, that a negative policy is neither sufficient nor efficient. A strong positive policy of Americanism and Christianity combined is our only hope.

In the light of the above Mandelbaum incident we might ask those who intend that our aid has been given to the Russian people and not to the Russian government to reconsider their affirmations. Let them also reflect on the insoluble fact that Mr. Roosevelt formally recognized the Soviet government—a recognition which he has not withdrawn; a recognition which he reconfirmed in the message which he directed to Constantine Oumansky, the present Soviet Ambassador to the United States.

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Freedom of the Seas

RECENTLY, American ears became accustomed to the New Deal shibboleth of "freedom of the seas."

Complaint follows complaint as Hitler's submarines sink ships seized by America, some of which fly the Panamanian flag; some of which fly the American flag.

These complaints were climaxed when the *U.S.S. Kearny* limped into port with a deep gash in her side as a result of a brush with a German-fired torpedo.

What about freedom of the seas?

Since the days of the Spanish Armada there has been little freedom on the seas other than that permitted by the British navy.

There was no freedom of the seas for the Danish, German, Norwegian, Swedish and Finnish ships seized by Americans because of the unneutral mind of President Roosevelt.

There was no freedom of the seas when ex-President Herbert Hoover planned to send a food-laden ship to starving, non-belligerent Europeans. As you remember, the British navy would not permit such ships to land in Europe.

The American Government did not protest against this unhumanitarian action on the part of Great Britain.

According to Mr. Hoover, "there are somewhere near 40-millions of children in German-invaded democracies. Millions of them are in jeopardy. And these are peoples who fought for their freedom, who were overpowered, who have been subjected to terrible oppression. Their pleas for food ascend hourly to the free democracies of the West."

Despite this announcement, coming from the best informed American on the subject of food relief, we Americans sat by subserviently, permitting the British navy to dictate to our Navy and to our Government when there was just cause on our part to protest.

The little democracies who fought for us until they were overwhelmed now receive from us the cold, keen stare of an international banker's glassy eye.

The shibboleth of "freedom of the seas" is no more than another New Deal hypocrisy.

Liberty Versus Security

CONSTANTLY we are being reminded that we are in danger of losing our liberty.

Mr. Roosevelt informs us that we must go all out for Britain and Russia to save the four liberties.

As a matter of fact, the people of the world are more interested in security than they are in having liberty.

Under international capitalism the masses discovered that they had liberty to beg, liberty to starve, liberty to be exploited, liberty to be fooled by politicians.

What's the use in having liberty if you cannot have life and security?

Now comes Emmett F. Connely, president of the Investment Bankers Association of America, to tell us that liberty will die if capitalism dies. Perhaps, what Mr. Connely says is true if, following the scuttling of capitalism, some form of Marxism will be established in America.

The American people can get along very well without the liberty to die on the battlefield to preserve the life which has been imposed upon us by the capitalists prior to Mr. Roosevelt and by the New Dealers co-operating with him. But the American people are not willing to get along without security.

The laboring class wants the security of an annual wage sufficient to take care of a family.

The agricultural class wants security translated by the phrase, "production at a profit."

The home-owning class wants security for its properties now endangered by excessive taxation.

The citizenry at large wants security for life now endangered by an international-minded minority whose chieftain is the President of the United States.

All people want security against exploiting capitalism and Marxism, which impoverish the masses and enrich the classes.

Basically, the economic system of capitalism is moral. During the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, abuses crept into its structure so rapidly that capitalism became more famous for its abuses than for its virtues.

People starved in the midst of plenty. Factories were idle in the midst of a plenitude of demand.

All this took place because of an obsoleted, inefficient system of finance which provoked radicalism and rebellion.

Let capitalism clean out its abuses—both economic and political.

Let capitalism create security which, at this moment, is more important than liberty.

Speaking of 'Security'

THE RECENT conference of social security officials and tax experts called by President Roosevelt to discuss the effect of the emergency on social security may bring to a head a matter that has been kept in secrecy too long.

This is the possibility that increased social security taxes may be levied to help finance the cost of Government, national defense, aid to Britain and Red Russia, and to "prevent inflation."

Father Coughlin and SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine have frequently pointed out that the U. S. Treasury has diverted social security funds into New Deal alphabetical agencies and recovery boondoggling.

Father Coughlin emphatically indicated that the savings and insurance of the people were jeopardized by this unauthorized diversion of public funds.

Secretary Morgenthau and other New Dealers have publicly favored forced savings by deductions from the wage earners' payrolls, with the promise that such "savings" would be returned to the workers "after the war."

Only a few weeks ago, the American Association for Social Security sharply rebuked the Government for suggesting that social security funds be used to finance the war.

The juggling of social security money has already been scandalous enough: subsidizing alphabetical agencies and paying political appointees, and underwriting New Deal social and financial experiments.

When the *Social Security Law* was passed some years ago, the revenue raised by these payroll and employer contributions was supposed to be set aside until a big reserve fund was accumulated sufficient to pay all estimated future demands.

What actually has happened is that this money was spent as fast as it came in; and, instead of putting cash in the reserve fund box, the Government put in its I.O.U.'s.

Now, it is proposed that the *Social Security Laws* be extended to comprise other groups, to insure that these groups will not spend their salaries, but will be forced to "save."

Thus, the Treasury experts hope to avoid what they call "inflation."

But, of course, confiscation will eliminate inflation!

Comment

Jewish Pressure on Willkie, O'Dwyer

JUST ONE year ago, when the Republican candidate for President, Wendell Willkie, publicly repudiated the support of readers of SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine and followers of Father Coughlin, on the ground that they were "anti-Semitic," we told you that his action was the result of pressure by Jewish news writers.

Now, in the *American Hebrew* (Aug. 29), Walter K. Lewis—who conducts the weekly department entitled *"Poison in the Melting Pot"*—boasts that it was he who induced Mr. Willkie to make the repudiation.

Discussing the New York City mayoralty campaign, and his intention of obtaining from Candidate O'Dwyer a "repudiation of this anti-Semitic and Christian Front support," Lewis asserted that "in the last election I was similarly able to obtain from presidential candidate Wendell Willkie a repudiation of the support given him by Father Coughlin and Joe McWilliams."

Thus we learn that it was a staff representative of the *American Hebrew* who exerted such an influence over the "fearless" candidate for President that the latter chose to repudiate the support of a group of pro-American, pro-Christian citizens whose only offense is their militant opposition to American intervention in foreign war, to Communism and to the subversive, anti-Christian elements in Government, business and society in general.

Not a bad showing of power for a purportedly "oppressed minority!"

The *American Hebrew* columnist lost no time in "swinging" Mr. O'Dwyer, as developments proved.

According to the *New York Times* of October 16, the candidate in a speech at Brooklyn asserted, "I have no backing and I want no backing of anyone not in sympathy 100 per cent with President Roosevelt! I think anyone who speaks racial hatred is an enemy of the *Constitution* that protects all of us."

The O'Dwyer repudiation was framed to cover a tremendous amount of territory.

It encompasses all those who stand for peace instead of war, Americanism instead of internationalism, and Christianity instead of Communism and atheism.

Unfortunately, the Jews happen to be on the side of war, on the side of internationalism and on the side of Communism in the present conflict.

That makes all those who oppose these evils "anti-Semitic."

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Whereas, Mr. Lewis of the *American Hebrew* apparently batted .1000 with O'Dwyer on the issue of Americanism versus internationalism, William J. Goodwin, leader of a Catholic faction opposing war and Communism, had little success.

On September 10, after hearing rumors that O'Dwyer was about to put in with the internationalists, Mr. Goodwin addressed a letter to the mayoralty candidate calling upon him to denounce the New Deal's headlong flight toward war on the side of Soviet Russia.

Since O'Dwyer's Republican opponent, Mayor La Guardia, had lined up with the war party, the majority of persons—who are opposed to war—would have no candidate unless O'Dwyer took his stand for peace, Goodwin pointed out.

"If you should stand up along side of La Guardia and denounce opposition to war, Communism and aid to Soviet Russia, you will be doing what Wendell Willkie did last year; namely, help to destroy the two-party system by depriving the voters of the opportunity of expressing themselves on these important issues," Goodwin wrote O'Dwyer.

The Democratic candidate's reply was the Brooklyn "me too" speech in which he took the position espoused and forecast by the *American Hebrew*.

Subsequently Mr. Goodwin himself entered the mayoralty race as an independent "in order to give the voters a candidate opposed to war and Communism."

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In an address over radio station WOR Goodwin assailed both La Guardia and O'Dwyer for having asserted that the war issue had no place in the city campaign, while at the same time they were advancing the cause of war.

"La Guardia said that the issue of war or peace had no place in the election of a mayor for the city of New York. The declaration of war, Mr. La Guardia claimed, was a matter that was up to Congress and not up to the mayor, and therefore, it was equivalent to dragging a red herring across the trail to discuss the war issue in this campaign . . . Mr. O'Dwyer with characteristic Wendell Willkian strategy, began his campaign by echoing the words of La Guardia . . .

"He at once proceeded to endorse the foreign policy of the Roosevelt Administration. Now let me ask you voters this question: If the war issue has no place in this campaign why are both La Guardia and O'Dwyer using their positions as candidates for mayor to advance the cause of war?

"Why do they both publicly announce their support of the New Deal's foreign policy?

"Why do they both spend their time and their energy in an attempt to whip up the war spirit as they have been doing and are still doing at this very time?"

Information

From a "quiz" in the *American Hebrew*—

"Can you summarize in a few words the Russian official attitude on minorities?

"A. The U.S.S.R. is a federation of 16 republics, subdivided into smaller republics, territories and provinces; national minorities in these various republics are protected by legislation which guarantees the rights of all citizens regardless of race, nationality or creed."

Oh, yea!

It Worked Before

EXPERIENCE is the best teacher—except where the Roosevelt Administration's foreign policy is involved.

The history of events preceding our entrance into the first World War shows that the arming of merchant vessels by President Wilson on March 14, 1917, was one of the last preliminary steps which involved this nation in the big conflict.

As Representative George A. Dondero of Michigan pointed out in the House during debate on Mr. Roosevelt's proposal for arming merchant ships, such action in 1917 proved useless as a measure of protection but did result in the sinking of 35 American merchant craft!

Those sinkings then were used as an argument for the war declaration which came only 23 days later.

"The record shows," said Dondero, "that up to the time American ships were armed but six American lives were lost, but between the date of the arming of the ships and the declaration of war, 63 American lives were lost."

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Representative Harold Knutson of Minnesota added that although 35 armed American merchant vessels were sunk by Germany, not a single German submarine was sunk by the armed merchant ships.

"If the arming of merchantmen proved ineffective back in the World War when submarine warfare was in its infancy, how much more ineffective will it not now prove when submarines have been perfected to a point undreamed of by naval authorities a quarter of a century ago," Knutson inquired.

Obviously the arming of merchantmen is little or no protection, and we do not believe for one second that the Administration intends it to be. It is intended merely to provoke further "incidents" to be used by the warmongers as justification for American entrance into war.

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Although he acted without the consent of both Houses of Congress in arming merchant ships, President Wilson fully realized the move would precipitate open warfare.

Five days after his Executive order, Wilson wrote the following to Secretary of State Lansing:

"It will not be many days, if past experience indicates the future, before an engagement will take place between one of our armed ships and a submarine. Whether that event will cause Germany to declare war or will cause us to recognize a state of war I do not know, but I do not think that we can successfully maintain the fiction that peace exists."

Franklin D. Roosevelt was around in those days. He knows what happened then. He knows what will happen now. And, what's more, he seems determined that it shall happen.

A Barter System of Our Own

Why Coffee's High; New Deal Sets Price

THE COST of food is steadily rising.

The price of coffee to United States consumers jumped $200-million in the year ending October 2, 1941, as compared to last year.

Before New Dealers accuse "big business" of responsibility for this disastrous rise in price, let us remember that the United States Government is directly responsible for the unwarranted rise in the price of coffee.

About 95 per cent of all the coffee consumed in this country comes from 14 Latin American countries — Brazil provides 53 per cent; Colombia 25.8 per cent and Central American countries about 10 per cent.

These 14 countries are all signatories of a quota agreement with the United States, drawn up about a year ago to stabilize the price of coffee.

Due to the loss of Asiatic and European markets, the "coffee Republics" were producing at a loss. In fact, some of the coffee "democracies" adopted the New Deal's program of planned scarcity, and dumped coffee into the ocean, pressed it into "brickets" and burned in the fields.

The "coffee agreement" was, in fact, a treaty; hence, it had to be ratified by the United States Senate. Thus, the elected representatives of the American people had their opportunity fully to debate acceptance or rejection of the agreement.

They were, however, far afield in their estimate of how much this coffee quota system would cost United States consumers. The highest figure set in the Senate discussion was about $25-million — just $175-million too low!

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Before the war, the world consumed about 25-million bags of coffee; the United States took 15-million bags. But, when Europe dropped out of the market, the United States was the only outlet for Central and South American coffee producers. Coffee reached an all-time low in 1940 and the Latin-American producers faced bankruptcy.

Because the United States market was glutted, buyers could virtually set their own price for coffee. Frequently, this price did not cover cost of production, not to speak of the cost of transportation.

As part of the Administration's Good Neighbor policy, the United States entered into the quota arrangement. A maximum quota was assigned to each country; and the producers within these countries could not ship above this quota.

The quota arrangement definitely eliminated the price depressing of surplus production: an artificial and arbitrary "scarcity" was created and coffee buyers crowded into the markets, while prices soared.

Coffee prices have skyrocketed some 40 per cent, and may hit 100 per cent in the immediate future.

The Quartermaster Corps of the U. S. Army has cancelled its September 1 bids for 11-million pounds of coffee, on the grounds that the price is "too high."

However, New Deal diplomacy, which dictates the economy of supply and demand, will continue its dollar diplomacy at the expense of its own taxpayers and consumers.

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The Coffee Control Board met on Tuesday, Sept. 30, to decide whether or not the quotas could be raised a bit more to let more coffee into the United States and so drive down the price a little.

The export price is "pegged" at a minimum in Colombia and Brazil, hence the other nations, smaller producers, have to fall in line. But actually the minimum price set by Brazil and Colombia only follows the price level set by the United States buyers and does not precede or determine the price set by the coffee buyers.

The system works like this:

The quota system creates a scarcity of coffee. Competitive buying of this limited supply automatically boosts prices. The producing countries then peg the price just below or equal to the prevailing prices in the United States. And U. S. consumers pay $200-million more annually for their breakfast coffee.

Thus, in reality, we see the Latin-American producers of coffee are subsidized by the consumers of the United States, just as the American farmers are subsidized.

However, the coffee producers do not "price themselves out" of their foreign markets as U. S. cotton and wheat producers are forced to do by pegging prices; because the Latin American coffee producers have a monopoly of their market, whereas cotton and wheat growers have to compete with foreign producers.

And ironically enough—Brazil is fast becoming our chief competitor in the world's cotton markets.

As is evident, all this is the very "barter system" which New Dealers decry in Europe and Asia, with American taxpayers paying for the subsidies!

Oleo vs. Butter

NEW DEAL bureaucrats, having supplied America with *ersatz* government for several years, are now intent on providing the nation with *ersatz* butter.

They seem determined to amend the *Lord's Prayer* to read, "Give us this day our daily bread—with oleomargarine!"

By revising the standards for oleo and actively promoting its use in preference to butter, the Government has embarked on a program which may ruin much of the dairy industry of the United States and induce Americans to forego the nutriciousness of real dairy butter.

The new oleo regulations promulgated recently permits manufacturers of *ersatz* butter to market their products in the same size and shape as real butter, to add butter coloring and butter flavor, to use 9,000 U.S.P. units of vitamin A, to add butter itself, and to use benzoate of soda as a preservative.

Ralph E. Ammon, director of the Wisconsin State Department of Agriculture, in a statement published in the *Congressional Record*, attacked the Roosevelt Administration's discrimination against butter and declared:

"This is not a battle between the dairy farmer of the North and the cotton farmer of the South (cottonseed oil is used in oleo); it is a battle between the dairy farmers of America and the oleo manufacturers of Chicago who would by deception take the farmers' market."

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The argument that the Administration's promotion of oleo is necessary because of a butter shortage is ridiculous, Ammon asserted.

"There is a storage holding of 200-million pounds of butter in America, an all-time high, and 50-million pounds above holdings in the so-called surplus days," he said.

He characterized as fraudulent propaganda the claim that oleo is just as good as butter.

"There is no scientific evidence that synthetic vitamins can replace natural vitamins," he declared.

"There is evidence that butter contains certain fatty acids essential to growth and not found in vegetable fats. Therefore replacing butter in the child's diet with an imitation is dangerous to the child's health."

Under the new oleo standards either animal or vegetable fats may be used in the ratio of 1 to 9 or 9 to 1 or in any ratio between those figures, said Ammon, as he pointed out that it is now possible for an oleo manufacturer to use 90 per cent gut fat to 10 per cent vegetable fat. The vegetable fat might be either soy bean oil, cocoanut oil or cottonseed oil.

In 1939, he declared, approximately one-sixth of the oil used in the manufacture of oleo was imported. He denied that an increased sale of oleo would greatly aid cotton farmers of the South, and quoted records showing that in 1939 southern farmers received 100 times as much income from dairy products as they did from cottonseed oil used in oleo.

"In many countries of the South the farmer gets nothing from the cottonseed except the free ginning of the cotton," Ammon said. "The cotton farmer is not the one who makes the profit from oleo!"

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It is "just plain bunk" to assert that the Government's new regulations will not harm the dairy industry, the Wisconsin official continued.

"The oleo manufacturers will spend millions in advertising and premiums to replace butter with oleo. They will spend millions to deceive the consumer into thinking that the imitation is just as good as the real thing. Millions of people will be deceived. Three million dairy farmers and their families will be robbed in order to put a few million dollars' profit in pockets already bulging at the expense of the farmer."

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Mr. Ammon made it clear that the dairy farmers were not protesting the right of manufacturers to make and sell oleo, nor to add vitamins to oleo, but they were adamantly opposed *to the misrepresentation of oleo as the equal of butter.*

"The butter industry wants the two products so made that the consumer can readily distinguish between them by sight and taste," he explained. "The oleo manufacturer does not want that."

Ammon urged that legislation be enacted prohibiting the use of butter coloring and butter flavoring in an imitation product.

As long as the New Dealers persist in sending butter to England and encouraging the use of oleo by Americans, however, such legislation is most improbable.

Adept at hoaxing the American public, the Roosevelt Administration bureaucrats can be expected to spread the oleo on thick, just as they do their war propaganda.

New Deal Sells Farmers Short

OUR NEW DEAL government is so concerned with trying to buy with dollars the good will of some foreign countries—particularly South America—that it is committing aggression after aggression against the American farmers.

This subject is covered in an editorial which appeared in the Enid, Oklahoma, *Morning News* of October 16th.

It reads as follows:

"While the eyes of the Nation are riveted on the battle of Moscow, the Department of State quietly announces a reciprocal trade agreement has been signed with Argentina. This agreement, in effect, sells the American farmer and rancher down the river by reducing the duty on canned Argentine beef and flaxseed by 50 per cent.

"It is particularly significant that this action was taken at a time when the country's attention was distracted. Most certainly if any advance publicity had been given the proposal, Congressmen and organizations representing the interests of the great West would not have permitted it to go through.

"Specifically the new agreement provides that the duty on canned meats will be reduced from 6 cents to 3 cents per pound. For flaxseed the duty is cut from 65 cents to 32½ cents per bushel during the emergency and to 50 cents after the emergency. Canned meat and flaxseed are only two of the American products adversely affected. There are 82 others, including coarse wools, oleo oil, oleostearin, cattle hides, and Italian-type cheese. The reductions affect 93 per cent of Argentina's total exports to the United States

"In return the United States gets concessions on only 30 per cent of her exports to Argentina. In some cases Argentina does not agree to reduce duties, but simply not to raise them any higher than they are at present.

"The most controversial part of the agreement, as Secretary Hull knows, concerns canned beef and flaxseed. It was no surprise when, during the Presidential election campaign of last year, the State Department wisely dropped the negotiations with Argentina. The issue was too hot to handle. Hull has been previously carrying on the trade talks secretly, but when farm organizations discovered what he was up to, he was forced to back up.

"The action taken this week indicates that Hull merely waited until the heat was off and the nation was concerned with affairs in Europe. He completed the negotiations which he had been formerly forced to suspend.

"It is noteworthy, in studying the new agreement, how the Government has sold out the farmers in the interests of the big industrialists. Automobiles, refrigerators, electrical machinery, and even farm machinery will be imported by Argentina at reduced tariff rates. It is ironical to see farm machinery on the list. This machinery will be used by Argentine farmers to grow crops which will be exported under favorable trade conditions to the United States in competition with the American farmer.

"The entire agreement is a sell-out of the farmer and the stock raiser.

"Washington officials attempt to justify the agreement by saying that such reciprocal trade treaties will help the good-neighbor policy which the United States is following with the Latin American countries. If the Argentine agreement is a sample of this policy in operation, there is something radically wrong.

"If this nation is going to play the role of the good neighbor, some sort of a discretion should be used. The farmer—who forms the backbone of our economic system—should not be sacrificed on the altar of neighborliness."

F.D.R.'s Warning

IN A MESSAGE to Congress, urging revision of the *Neutrality Act*, President Roosevelt said on September 21, 1939:

"By the repeal of the embargo the United States will more probably remain at peace than if the law remains as it stands today.

"I say this because with the repeal of the embargo this Government clearly and definitely will insist that American citizens and American ships keep away from the immediate perils of the actual zone of conflict.

"This means less likelihood of incidents and controversies which tend to draw us into conflict as they did in the last World War. There lies the road to peace."

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There is nothing in that statement about "freedom of the seas."

The emphasis is on maintenance of peace. There is recognition by the President that in time of war it is dangerous to send American ships into certain zones.

Mr. Roosevelt still recognizes the danger, but is willing to undertake the risk because the emphasis is no longer on peace.

By demanding that Congress scuttle the *Neutrality Act* and legalize the dispatch of American ships to combat zones, the President is now advocating a step which he himself warned against only two years ago.

Spain and the Nazis

SERRANO SUNER, Spanish Foreign Minister, asserted (Oct. 16) that Europe will stand or fall with the Axis.

In an interview published in the French Fascist weekly, *Gringoire*, he said:

"I think that all Europe — continental Europe and overseas Europe as well (although this may seem paradoxical—will stand or fall with the Axis. Not to see this is a grave aberration for Europeans."

Addressing some remarks to France, Senor Suner added:

"France is on the right road, the road of European collaboration and rectification of the very serious mistakes in her domestic policy . . .

"But if, on the contrary, an ill wind blows France off the path on which she has set her foot, Spain will again turn her face from France . . ."

In the above words the Foreign Minister for Spain has told the world precisely where his country stands in the battle between the so-called democracies and the Axis powers.

It is the first recorded time that a Spanish official has spoken so plainly to indicate on what side Spain stands.

Undoubtedly, there is not a country in Europe which does not second his views whether they like them or dislike them. So far, the war has gone so extremely in favor of Hitler that it would be suicide for any European nation to cast its lot in favor of Great Britain and the United States.

The Europeans know on which side their bread is buttered. And they have been taught to weigh as wind the promises of the New Deal and the Churchill governments.

Meanwhile, the New Dealers admit that the fall of Russia means that Great Britain and America cannot invade Germany. This admission, upon analysis, means that such an invasion had been planned!

Moreover, it explains why our defense program was nothing more than a smokescreen to hide the offense program which is now well under way.

The great question arising in America is this: "Do we want to continue arming ourselves for an invasion of Europe to take place some eight years hence?"

An affirmative answer to that question means the continuation of Roosevelt in office for eight more years; the continuation of the New Deal in power for eight more years; the continuation of priorities for eight more years; the expansion of taxation for eight years more!

And, added together, the items of the above paragraph mean the cashiering of the *Constitution*, the banishment of liberty, the regimentation of labor and agriculture, the nationalization of industry and the regimentation of American manhood and womanhood.

Is this "offense" program worth it—this communistic, Marxian plan?

Archbishop Beckman's Address

Message to Americans on Christian Leadership

AT THE request of many readers, SOCIAL JUSTICE herewith prints in full the radio address delivered by His Excellency the Most Rev. Francis J. L. Beckman, Archbishop of Dubuque, over the nationwide radio chain of the NBC Blue network Sunday, October 19th.

The address was as follows:

"MY DEAR FELLOW AMERICANS:

"The time is short for speaking and I will be brief; I will mince no words.

"People, we are at the crossroads of Constitutional government. Our laws are hypocritically evaded and then explained away under the guise of a 'national emergency'; the greatest dictatorship on earth is made, or in the making.

"War or Peace in this sad land is a question crying for immediate answer. Bitter history attests to the downright hypocrisy, faithlessness and ruthless cunning which has led a nation of peace-minded people to the very brink of war.

"The plan of the interventionists has been well drawn, and adroitly pursued: Step by step, and lately, inch by inch, our people in their guilessness have been betrayed, despoiled, and disillusioned.

"At the moment the culmination of this plan is simple, 'Arm the ships and create the incidents.'

"The intelligence of the American people can no longer be insulted by 'measures short of war'; the appeal is now to their passions and prejudices.

" 'Sink a few ships,' the interventionists are thinking, 'and public opinion will clamor for war.'

"Soon we shall have the 80 per cent peace-minded, 100 per cent war-minded, all pledges to the contrary notwithstanding.

"The war hysteria and propaganda put forth in this country has no parallel as a deliberate, studied appeal to the emotions. Hitler is to be stopped if it takes ten years, 10-million men, $300-billion, with never a thought of where we shall begin and where we shall end. I fear this is either the folly of men who are mad or who are eager, through war, to cover their own mistakes.

"In the name of hysteria, people, we have committed some terrible crimes.

"How shall we, the forfeit leaders of a generation, explain to our children and our children's children that aid to Russia was not aid to Communism?

"How shall we explain the broken bodies, the wrecked and disillusioned souls of our splendid youth impaled by the politicians on the terrible rack of war?

"Oh, my dear fellow Americans, the Piper will be paid for these crimes, not alone in 'blood and tears and sweat' but the loss of our precious liberty shall be the final culmination.

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"My dear friends, liberty is the first corpse of war; and in this critical hour we should be most concerned for it. Hard-won by men who would turn over in their graves if they were to view the revolting spectacle in Washington today, it is time that the peace-loving people of this nation got down to the business of salvaging their rights.

"If we get into this unjust war our *Bill of Rights* shall be with the first American bomb —an exploded non-entity. Make no mistake, every right implies a sacred duty and if now we fail in our duties, in a flash we shall be stripped of our rights, beaten, and left to die a decadent, disillusioned people by the side of the high-road of war.

"Nor will there be, as we to Britain, any Good Samaritan to bind and to bundle our wounds, take care of us, restore us to glory among the nations. The responsibility for the continuation of this war will one day weigh heavily upon us, a divided and despairing people. We shall be friendless, hated, and alone.

"As a Churchman, viewing with alarm the immense gravity of the crisis confronting us, I am yet keenly aware of my responsibilities to my people.

"I am unwilling for the sake of decorum to remain silent. I have no choice but to remain unswervingly true to my sacred office. A worthy Shepherd of his flock deserts them not in their hour of need.

"Religion is concerned primarily with spiritual affairs, yes: but when a course is set by the temporal authorities (an obviously wrong course) which ends in courting godlessness, war, and the loss of religious liberty, every single man of the cloth, be he Catholic, Protestant, or Jew, in my mind, has no alternative but to stand up to the Government, tell his people the truth whether they like it or not, and fight like a titan the cause of his Christ.

"Oh, I know there are many who erroneously and conveniently catalog this sort of battling as 'politics'; and many there are who lack the courage of their convictions.

"Fear is only pardonable to the people, not to their leaders. Even the atheist will admit that Christ was a fearless leader. And we as ministers of Christ should be true mirrors of Christ, fearless in principle, firm, devoted and unyielding.

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"I have said it before and I repeat that religion cannot afford to permit itself to be compromised by those temporal authorities who are in earnest search of war. We bitterly resent the insulting implications of mentioning the Holy Father and the tyrant of Moscow in one and the same breath. Many a mythical *'concordat'* has been trumped up via the back door of officialdom and many a falsified dispatch.

"In the name of the late Holy Father who said 'Communism is intrinsically wrong and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any manner whatsoever,' let us have an end to this distinction between the Red army and the Red State.

"The Red army IS the Red State as long as the godless tyrants rule it; shall we then accept religious guarantees from the mouth of a devil?

"Clergymen of America our answer must be clear, quick, and well defined. The very least we can do is to write the record, warn and exhort our people, fight to the last ditch every godless and indecent element in Government or out of Government.

"I have noted with satisfaction that many of our Protestant brethren, both individually and collectively, have become increasingly vocal against participation in this unjust war. Nay I say to them that in this fight to secure our religious liberties, to preserve the *Constitution* and avert the holocaust of war from their people, they are not alone.

"A very recent well-authenticated poll of the Catholic clergy in the United States indicates that they are overwhelmingly opposed to our intervention in this war and aid to godless Russia. We may be confident that such an overwhelming expression of sentiment is but a reflection of the spirit of our people generally.

"Some there are, of course, who are blinded by propaganda, by a just anger because their beloved homelands have been ruthlessly over-run, but these we must fight to enlighten before their folly engulfs the whole nation and destroys that freedom which they themselves came from abroad to seek.

"To those gallant men in Washington who are fighting our battles on the Constitutional front, and those who lead the fight at home, we pledge immediately renewed national support of their cause."

"I cannot urge too strongly that every American within earshot immediately write, wire, bombard their Representatives demanding an end to this monstrous policy of inching us into war.

"Oh, I know we have done this before, but people, it is your sacred right and duty. It is our duty to roll up a monster protest against any revision, modification, or repeal of the *Neutrality Act* because, all arguments to the contrary, this would be the last step in a long series of steps to ruin.

"Any attempt to legalize the arming and sending of our ships into combat zones would be nothing more than deliberate, governmental murder of our citizens calculated inevitably to stir a declaration of war.

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"Mr. President, men of the Congress! You know that our people cry for peace; the Pope cries for peace; the whole Christian world cries for peace. We want no war unto annihilation — no ten-year Bloody Run. In the name of God, you elected of the people, bear faith with us who truly love this nation or in God's Name you shall be judged by the people you betray.

"On the eve of momentous decisions, therefore, we warn those who would lead us to war that they do so against our will, our purpose, and our better judgment.

"We warn them it is 'dynamite' to even attempt to compromise religion with the ruthless purposes of the greed-and-gold-and-war-minded. For we Christian men are a race of fighters tempered in the flame of World War 1.

"We will have no part in this monstrous movement to war.

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"We want you to know that your promises of peace still mean something to us and that we expect you to keep them inviolate. Unparalleled unity under God and our glorious flag is yours for the asking if only you, Mr. President, turn from those who counsel war to those who counsel peace and an impregnable defense.

"Brothers in Christ, while there is yet time let us all stand up together, speak out and tremble not for the hour of our deliverance is at hand. Where we lead our people will follow, our sacrifice shall be their sacrifice, our abuse their abuse, but our silence, people, shall be only our condemnation when those who made this war turn after it to blame their evil works upon us. Let us take courage, the courage of free men.

"This is America and we should not fear to love it, honor it, defend it first, last and always!"

George Washington Was Right!

LET US consider that we are at the crossroads of this country—whether we are going on as a free and independent nation and stand on our own feet, or whether we are going back and undo what was done to bring this nation into existence.

Let us look at history.

In 1776 there were two factions. One was the appeasement group, better known as Tories. They believed that the Colonies should remain under the British Crown; that we were not strong enough to stand alone in a hostile world. They pointed to the fact that English troops were all around us and that other greedy European powers — France, Spain, and Portugal — all had footholds in this hemisphere.

The other group, headed by George Washington, the Father of our country—well, you might call them "isolationists"—believed we should break with the Old World; that we should live our own lives and not involve ourselves in European troubles and that we should not submit to dictation and interference and meddling from across the Atlantic; that we would and could be a democratic Republic in a world of monarchs and autocracies.

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This was the group which won the fight in the First Congress, and we boldly proclaimed our intention to govern ourselves.

Washington, Franklin, Adams, and Jefferson carried the day, the die was cast, and freedom was born.

If we are going to be called upon every quarter of a century to defend the British Empire upon the theory that her existence is necessary for our continuance as a free country, by furnishing money, credits, materials, and our sons in war, then it simply adds up to this — that Washington was wrong; that, instead of fighting to be able to form these United States of America as a free country, we should have remained a part of the British Empire.

To underwrite Britain's wars every quarter of a century, without the right to participate in the preliminary decisions that cause these wars, is disastrous and will lead to our ultimate destruction.

—Representative James F. O'Connor of Montana

Tale From a Madhouse

SHORTLY the American people will be asked to contribute generously to the various Community Chests.

Close to $1-billion will be required to care for the under-privileged, the orphans and the shut-ins.

Meanwhile, $13-billion or more has been allocated by our Government—through the process of taxation—for lend-lease activities in imperialistic Britain and communistic Russia.

All this has been done to perpetuate "our way of life"—a way that has not been defined by Mr. Roosevelt; a "way" that is indicated by the personnel with whom he has surrounded himself.

It is a pity that $1-billion of the $13-billion lend-lease could not be ear-marked for the under-privileged of America.

It is an outrage that the citizens who are beginning to feel the burden of taxation are doubly taxed on the theory that while we extend Government money to foreigners with no hope of its being repaid, we turn our backs, as far as Government money is concerned, on our own citizens.

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Recently, the *Chicago Tribune* published an editorial which has some relation to the above statements.

Here it is:

"The mothers of Chicago are now paying 15½ cents a quart for the milk their children need, as against 12 cents two years ago. The last available index of retail prices, now six weeks old, shows that pork chops cost them 38.4 cents, as against 30.7 cents two years ago. Butter is 42.2 cents, as against 30.8 cents, pink salmon 18.7 cents a can, as against 13 cents; navy beans 7.8 cents, as against 5.9 cents a pound; eggs 42.7 cents as against 32.6 cents a dozen, and lard 14 cents, as against 9.8 cents a pound.

"Furthermore, according to Miss Harriet Elliott, who is supposed to be protecting consumer interests in the OPM, they haven't seen anything yet.

" 'The full impact of these price increases hasn't yet reached you as a buyer at retail,' says Miss Elliott. 'It takes time for goods to pass thru the channels of trade. But they will reach you and nothing that can be done now can prevent your cost of living rising in the next few months, for the retailer who has paid these higher wholesale prices cannot sell at his old prices and stay in business.'

"The price of food for American families is leaping because the government has become the biggest buyer of foodstuffs. It is shipping thousands of tons to Great Britain under the lend-lease program. A congressional committee has just reported to Congress that these foodstuffs are being sold in large part by the British government to its people. The government of Britain is collecting the proceeds, but no arrangement has been made for it to make any payment to the United States.

"So far the shipments have been a gift, and there is every indication that further enormous quantities — a billion dollars' worth of food is mentioned—will also be a gift. The American people are paying twice. They are paying for the food shipped to Britain and they are paying a second time in the excessive rises of the cost of foodstuffs in this country brought about by those Government purchases.

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"It is difficult to concede, after reading the congressional committee's report, that the lend-lease program can by any stretch of the imagination be in the hands of sane men. The most that the country is justified in hoping is that the infatuation is temporary and that congress may muster enough courage to put a stop to the insanity which is destroying our country.

"The foodstuff deals are but a small part of the picture as painted by the congressional investigators. One mad project is piled on another. There are to be hundreds of ships to carry goods not only across the Atlantic but to the farthest points of Africa and Asia. Mention is made of a naval base at an undisclosed location on British soil, where American and British troops are expected to co-operate, presumably under British command as in Iceland. There are to be $500-million worth of arms for the Dutch East Indies. The Dutch, the congressmen are told, are able to pay for these, but whether they will be moved to do so when they know of the gifts to Britain seems doubtful.

"The lend-lease with which Mr. Roosevelt dressed up his program when he first presented it to Congress seems gone with the wind. Great Britain has holdings of more than $5-billion in Canada and South America, and an undisclosed amount of cash and cashable resources uncommitted in this country, but the Administration contends that these funds should not be used to offset, even partly, the burdens which are being placed on the people of the United States. The gifts go in increasing amounts and no mode of payment has been negotiated.

"Of the plans to bankrupt America the Congressmen receive many details. It was only when they sought to learn what has been accomplished in military rearmament that the curtains of secrecy were drawn. Where answers were given they were given off the record. Even the members of Congress, aside from the few members of the committee who must rely on the uncertainties of memory, were denied knowledge of the progress of the arms program. The claim that this information would be of value to Hitler is fraudulent. The reason for concealment is obvious. A censorship is being used to cover up the blunders and incompetence of the Washington speech makers. Their deeds do not measure up to their words and to protect themselves they invoke the sham of military secrets.

"America is being destroyed in the attempt to perpetuate the dominance of England over the continent of Europe. That this nation is in danger of successful military attack has been disproved so often that it is unnecessary to repeat the facts. America's present danger is that of suicide while temporarily insane."

Comment

Bloody Joe Hits The Sawdust Trail

WHEN Franklin D. Roosevelt, the New Deal Messiah, set out to save the people of all the world, he really started something.

He has an objective which is all blueprinted in his New Deal gospel relative to the four freedoms.

And he has apostles who, like Peter, Paul and their confreres, fly about from capital to capital to preach the benedictions of "our way of living."

All this was described most interestingly by Henry McLemore in his "*Take It From Me*" syndicated article of October 7th.

Wrote Mr. McLemore:

"From somewhere in the clouds the other day Billy Sunday must have tipped his halo.

"He must have strummed his harp, too, and turning toward Gypsy Smith and the other evangelists, said: 'We just thought we were good.'

"Because, right on earth at the moment, wearing a double-breasted suit and carrying a briefcase, is the all-time, all-America evangelist—a gentleman who, without any particular training, and almost without warning, has caused one of the world's most notorious sinners to come charging down the aisle, throwing up sawdust like a pup in a butcher shop.

"Brethern and sistern, I give you W. Averell Harriman, leader of the American delegation to Soviet Russia.

"Into this heathen country Evangelist Harriman has spread the Gospel and he has spread it the hard way, too. He has had none of the trappings of the standard evangelist. There isn't a cornet player in his entourage.

"All he has had is a trunkful of money, and if Russia is the sort of place we have been led to believe it is, money is a handicap to a man who seeks to make the Russians see the light. Russia doesn't believe in a man having a lot of money. Didn't it work out a five and then a ten-year plan to see that money was spread around like gravy on a hot biscuit, and to make sure that no man or woman had more than enough currency to starve to death on?

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"But this didn't discourage Evangelist Harriman. His faith was so great that he believed that the Russians could be taught to overcome this dislike of money. So he started preaching—his first sermon was in that shrine of religion, the Kremlin.

"I can picture Evangelist Harriman's sermon.

"I can see the setting.

"For a backdrop there was nothing but a hand-worked screen, beautifully done in American $ signs.

"For music there was nothing but a muted phonograph record of President Roosevelt appealing to the American taxpayer to chip in another seven or eight billion dollars.

"Evangelist Harriman talked plainly and simply, stressing only the practical side of religion. If the Russians would see the light, then money from the United States, like manna from heaven, would flutter down upon them.

"His gestures were simple but eloquent. As he raised his arms, ten, twenty and fifty-dollar bills fluttered from his hands. When he pounded the rostrum and explained the joys of religion, certified checks flew from his pockets.

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"Occasionally there was a reverent 'Amen, brother!' from his co-worker in the fields of sin, Brother Beaverbrook.

"I can see Stalin as he listens to this moving plea for religion in Russia.

"He loosens his collar and thinks of all the decent persons that have been killed on his order. He grins. He thinks of all the churches that have been torn down on his order. He smiles. He thinks of all the little people, the fine and decent little people, who have been ground under his heel. He almost laughs.

Then Evangelist Harriman mentions Fort Knox in Kentucky, where almost all of the gold in the world is stored.

" 'Come, sinner Stalin!

" 'Get to your feet, brother!

" 'Get religion, you poor, benighted creature.

" 'There's gold in them thar hills, if you'll only answer the call.

" 'Open the churches of your country, and the treasury of the richest country on earth is yours.'

"Stalin gets to his feet.

" 'Yea, man!' he cries.

" 'I repent, I repent.'

"Somewhere on high a recording angel must have made an even blacker mark beside his name."

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Sure enough, Bloody Joe repented. He is now "Holy Joe" because the New Deal Messiah has said so.

The little *Lend-Lease Bill* by which money is miraculously turned out by the recording angel, Hank Morgenthau, is more than mere humans can reckon with.

And the flow of miraculous dollars into the coffers of the Kremlin certainly can prove efficacious in making mortals hit the sawdust trail.

If the heads of the various religions will cashier their bishops, missionaries and martyrs—and substitute for them the bright young businessmen of Hank Morgenthau's office, there is no question that Mr. Messiah Roosevelt will succeed wherein others failed.

War Won for What?

"THE IDEA that this titanic struggle can be won without any shedding of American blood may be dismissed by every American as insane.

"The sooner the Americans are in with the Russians and ourselves, mingling their blood, sweat and tears down a common drain, the sooner the war will be won."

—**Editorial in the *London Daily Sketch***

W. W.—'Wendell Willkie' or 'Want War'

LITTLE SIR ECHO, Weenie Winnie Willkie, actually walked up to Mr. Roosevelt, lifted the President's right wrist, and proceeded to smack it!

Seriously, Wendell Willkie is dissatisfied with the President's procrastination in declaring an outright war.

"Were I President," so Wendell seemed to say, "I would not follow the moribund mob of morons who want peace. There's no democracy in following the mob. There's no righteousness in adhering to the *Constitution*. There's no sanity in respecting the will of the majority."

So Weenie Winnie Willkie seemed to say.

My, wouldn't it be silly if he were President! By this time he would have erased the W. W. from his name. To show that he is the super-patriot, he would be signing his name "Vendell Villkie" — on the basis that V stands for victory.

Seriously, the Sir Echo from the sand dunes of Indiana is not doing too badly for himself. Lehman Brothers — President Roosevelt's international banking friends — have taken Wendell to their bosoms. He is now on their Board of Directors.

Be it further known that Mr. "Me Too" has become a stockholder in the New York Shipbuilding Company and is thereby in a position to recoup his fortune through the process of "blood money."

Meanwhile, he is practicing law for the Hollywood refugees and others. Out of this, undoubtedly, he will not receive a penny because the largeness of his heart would protest at taking dimes away from refugees.

The other night Superman Willkie advocated the Republican Party's taking over the leadership in the fight for repeal of the *Neutrality Act*.

Here are some of the words of wisdom which dropped from his lips: "The delivery of goods to Britain, our right to the freedom of the seas, the protection of our sailors, are all hampered by the *Neutrality Act* — a piece of hypocrisy and deliberate self-deception by which we tried to lull ourselves into a sense of safety."

Having dictated this portion of Willkie's speech, an innocent secretary in the office asked: "How is it that Willkie is always talking when nobody asks him to, and when his own Republicans repudiate him?"

Young lady, there is no answer to your question unless you are objective enough to regard Mr. Willkie as a bogus Republican who, for some consideration or other, permitted himself to be used as a foil upon whom Mr. Roosevelt could sharpen the sword.

His appointment to Lehman Brothers' Board of Directors; his becoming a stockholder in the American Shipbuilding Company; and the kissing terms which he enjoys with the refugees of Hollywood all indicate that Lord Halifax sees to it that Willkie will have an audience.

Just some more British propaganda money or influence.

Probably, following the war, the British government in exile will confer the Knighthood of the Boston Garter upon Wendell; and the international bankers, in a huddle, will win for him the reward of the Davidic star.

Comment

Ireland and the War

MR. DE VALERA is fearful lest Ireland be drawn into the war.

Although His Excellency did not inform us why he is fearful, we are under the impression that he is disturbed by what is taking place in the North of Ireland.

For your information, naval bases have been erected on the North of Ireland for American ships.

Already the United States Navy has taken charge of Halifax and Iceland naval activities.

And now comes Dr. Francis E. McMahon, the professor from Notre Dame (emphasis on the "from"), to announce that he is heading a Midwest chapter of the *"American Irish Defense Association."*

That is an interesting name—*American Irish Defense Association.*

The organization were better called "The Committee to Get America into War Through Ireland."

The Professor has opened up offices at 30 North La Salle Street in Chicago.

Last week this mushroom committee issued a statement which reads as follows:

"We, as American citizens of Irish descent, hereby declare ourselves as uncompromising opponents of Hitlerism and Nazi aggression and urge our President and our country to take every step necessary to defeat Nazi schemes for world conquest.

"Americans of Irish extraction whose forebears shed their blood for the ideals of free government should be the first to affirm their faith in the future of democracy and their determination to defend it against danger at home or abroad."

Regarding bases in Eire the declaration said:

"We call upon Irish and American leadership to establish by mutual agreement, while the aggressor is directing his forces toward the east, naval and air bases for the defense of the two countries. In return for the use of such bases the United States would grant Ireland generous aid in arms and other materials under the *Lend-Lease Act.* America's defense and Ireland's only hope for security lie in this course."

And in what the *Chicago Daily News* calls "apparent reference to declarations about Jews by Father Coughlin and his fellow travelers," the committee statement says:

"Irishmen who in the past have suffered from racial and religious antagonisms, denounce those misguided or malicious elements whose shameful attacks on minority groups misrepresent liberty-loving Americans of Irish decent."

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The eminent professor from Notre Dame should withdraw from any committee which supposedly represents the Irish people in America. We of Irish blood in America are proud of our blood. Nevertheless, we are not proud of any hyphen because we are Americans first, last and always.

We are Americans who want peace and not war.

We are Americans who refuse to be emotionalized by what is going on in Ireland even though we sympathize with Eamon De Valera.

We are American citizens who are not anti-Semitic, as the *Chicago Daily News* report printed above would have us believe; nor are we anti-Father Charles E. Coughlin, as Dr. Francis E. McMahon would have us become.

Incidentally, American audiences may be hearing from Father Coughlin in the near future, provided his appearance is sponsored by the proper ecclesiastical authorities.

Taxes Won't Pay Even the Interest

THE INTEREST load in America is "more dangerous to our liberties than all the guns of the Nazis," Representative Usher L. Burdick of North Dakota asserted in the House as he warned of the perils of the Administration's deficit-financed war program.

Whereas Congressman Patman, a few days earlier, had pointed out that interest charges ultimately would double the present national debt of $50-billion, Mr. Burdick stressed the point that the same situation is true of the $59-billion war program upon which the nation has embarked.

"Our experience in bond issues," he said, "demonstrates that for every bond issue we pay twice; once in interest and once in principal! This will undoubtedly hold good with the present war debt, though I am willing to predict that the bonds will have to be refunded and in that case, *the interest will approximate twice the amount borrowed.* But, assuming that we can pay these bonds at maturity, we will have to take from the people, not only $59-billion, but twice that, or $118-billion."

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Those calculations are based only upon appropriations made or requested so far and are exclusive, for the most part, of the existing Federal debt of $50-billion.

But, said Burdick, "that is not half the story."

"We will appropriate $60-billion more and perhaps another $60-billion before this war is over if we intend to finance every nation on earth. You will thus see that it will not be many months before the $3½-billion raised in the last tax bill will be insufficient to pay the interest on the public debt."

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According to the estimate of Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, the Administration's balloon raiser in the Upper House, the United States will not have spent another $60-billion or twice $60-billion as Burdick predicts, but $300-billion before the war is over. Thus the North Dakotan, far from exaggerating the case, seems to be understating it.

"The least we can do now," he declared, "and I do not believe even that will avoid a chaotic condition in this country, is to stop issuing bonds and issue the currency direct, drawing no interest.

"If we keep on with these appropriations," he warned, "and tax the people in direct, and far greater indirect taxes until food cannot be bought, we will have a greater war in America than Europe ever had."

James Roosevelt— and Aluminum

"ANY pots, any pans, any kettles today."

That was the alley advertising to which we grew accustomed some months ago when the aluminum drive was in progress.

At that time we warned the people that there was something phony about the aluminum drive because we knew that once aluminum had been used for kitchen ware, it was impractical to use it over again for armaments and motor parts.

As of today, piles of aluminum lay along our highways thumbing noses at the American saps who fell for the "patriotic" propaganda.

There is a shortage of aluminum not because there is any serious shortage of bauxite, from which aluminum is made, but because there is a shortage of brains and planning to process it.

To overcome the shortage, the Office of Production Management instituted priorities on this precious metal.

Priorities or no priorities, James Roosevelt and his associates tried to operate against the decision of the O.P.M.

The result of it has been that the Office of Production Management has just punished a Chicago aluminum foundry. This Government agency found that the Central Pattern and Foundry Company has failed to state accurately in its reports to the priorities board the amount of aluminum on hand, and that it was going to use some of the metal to make juke boxes and slot machines.

Following this charge, Donald M. Nelson, the priorities director, ordered the Central Pattern and Foundry Company to suspend all aluminum operations for a period of six months.

As the *Chicago Tribune* remarks (Oct. 20):

"There are several peculiar aspects to the case. The alleged violation concerned shipments last July totaling 41,000 pounds of aluminum. The principal concern getting the metal was the Mills Novelty Company, which has been engaged in making juke boxes for the Soundies Distributing Company. Capt. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, is vice president and chairman of the board of the latter company."

Some of the President's sons certainly know how to profit as a result of their father's war.

War

"WE ARE NOT isolationists except insofar as we seek to isolate ourselves completely from war . . .

"I have seen war. I have seen war on land and sea. I have seen blood running from the wounded. I have seen men coughing out their gassed lungs. I have seen the dead in the mud.

"I have seen cities destroyed.

"I have seen 200 limping, exhausted men come out of line—the survivors of a regiment of 1,000 that went forward 48 hours before.

"I have seen children starving. I have seen the agony of mothers and wives. I hate war!"

—Franklin Delano Roosevelt, August 14, 1936

Comment

How Gold Trick Pays for War

IN APPEALING for a second Lease-Lend appropriation of $6-billion for aid to the enemies of Hitler, the Roosevelt Administration has made a point of the fact that most of the materials so far dispatched by the United States to Great Britain have been paid for in cash under the cash-and-carry arrangement which prevailed prior to the *Lease-Lend Act*.

'Congressman Henry C. Dworshak of Idaho took this argument apart in the House of Representatives the other day and explained to his colleagues what SOCIAL JUSTICE had pointed out months ago, namely that the "cash" this country has received for British war materials represents *the amount of profits Britain realized from the sale of gold to this country at inflated prices.*

In brief, we have been paid with our own money, not Britain's at all!

Confidence men are locked up for such tricks, but under President Roosevelt's *Gold Revaluation Act* which permitted him to purchase foreign gold at $35 an ounce instead of $20.67 an ounce, the British have been able to play the game on a vast scale.

Referring to a statement prepared for him by the Department of Commerce, Representative Dworshak showed that from February, 1934, to August, 1941, the United States bought nearly $11-billion worth of gold from the British Empire. The transactions, made under the Administration's gold purchasing program, saw the United States paying $35 an ounce for the metal, whereas the former price had been $20.67. Simple arithmetic reveals that the number of ounces involved was 311,963,-305, said Dworshak.

"If you multiply that number of ounces," he continued, "by $14.33—the difference between the acknowledged price of gold, which is $20.67 an ounce, and the fictitious value of $35 an ounce placed on it by this Administration — you will have approximately $4½-billion.

"In other words, during the seven years in which these gold imports have come into this country our Treasury has paid the British Empire a subsidy of approximately $4½-billion for gold, representing the difference between $20.67 and the arbitrary value of $35 an ounce.

"Therefore, the British Empire has not actually invested a single dollar of the funds of the British Empire in purchasing the $4½-billion worth of equipment acquired here since the beginning of the war; and now out of the *Lease-Lend* program, the British Empire is receiving approximately $13-billion out of our Federal Treasury."

Mr. Dworshak noted that although the United Kingdom sold the United States nearly $2-billion worth of gold in 1939, little more than half a billion was sold to us in 1940 and only $3-million worth in the first eight months of 1941.

Thus, he pointed out, the British no longer need bother with gold profits inasmuch as the New Deal Administration has now adopted the policy of *giving supplies free of charge!*

Mr. Streit Knows His Internationalists

IN 1920 the author of *"Union Now,"* Clarence K. Streit, wrote a pamphlet entitled, *"Where Iron Is, There Is the Fatherland"* (B. W. Huebsch, Inc.).

It related to the racketeering in munitions during the World War.

Mr. Streit opened the pamphlet with this quotation from Pierre Renaudel, French Deputy:

"It is only for the poor devils that war is not a gentleman's agreement."

He followed with this, from Senator Gaudin de Villaine (conservative):

"I formally accuse the big cosmopolitan banks, at least the owners of mining rights, of having conceived, prepared and let loose this terrible tragedy with the monstrous thought of world stock-jobbing. I accuse these same money powers of having, before and since the war, betrayed the interests of France."

Streit says at page 12:

"In each of the European countries the mineral interests were tending at a rapid rate, as in the United States, toward combination, centralization and internationalization. Above them all was the famous international banking family of the Rothschilds, Jews by religion, barons of Germany, England, France and Austria by business. And in the international Rothschild group when the war began, 210 shares were held by the Krupps."

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Streit's obvious purpose throughout is to prove that the World War was promoted, and very materially prolonged, to permit the racketeers in munitions to make money on the blood of their respective countrymen; that arrangements were made for the protection of German munitions manufacture by the French Army and reciprocal protection of French munitions by the German Army, as shown by Streit's quotation of Deputy Engerand, as follows:

"By fortifying, and even simply defending the vital point (Briey) of the frontier, we would have held under our cannon the raw material essential to German metallurgy . . . the war would have been finished in six months with the defeat of Germany." (p. 33).

At pages 50 and 51, Streit says:

"The wholesale slaughter of men, it cannot be denied, means good business to those who furnish the instruments of death. When war does not exist, these interests seek to cause it. That was shown by Liebknecht in 1913 when he exposed before the German Reichstag the policy of the Krupps, which was to subsidize French newspapers at Paris to attack Germany and then use these editorial attacks to convince the Reichstag that Germany for fear of France must increase her armament."

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The contents of a Senate document (No. 346 compiled about the year 1923) were revealed in SOCIAL JUSTICE some months ago.

"Where Iron Is, There Is the Fatherland!" was referred to in that document, but the author's name was given as "C. K. Streit."

It may not have occurred to those reading it that the author is the same Clarence Kirshman Streit, darling of the internationalists today, who wrote *"Union Now."*

Certainly it must occur to all that the Rothschilds were not likely averse to Britain's arming of Hitler (a financing job that George H. Cless, Jr., in *Scribner's Commentator* for December, 1940, and Senator Charles W. Tobey, in radio speech of May 11, 1941, estimated at $3-billion), opening a world market in competitive armaments, in appreciation of Streit's observation, above quoted: "The wholesale slaughter of men, it cannot be denied, means good business to those who furnish the instruments of death."

The inside story of the war racket as exposed by the author of *"Union Now"* might be practically unknown today had not Congressman J. Thorkelson of Montana introduced *Senate document 346* in the *Congressional Record* (appendix, Sept. 25, 1939).

Frank Walker Speaks

FRANK WALKER, once assistant President of the United States and now Postmaster General, was invited to speak at the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

SOCIAL JUSTICE has no criticism to expend upon the preeminent motion picture executive and bosom friend of Franklin D. Roosevelt, now elevated to the postmastership of the United States.

The *Chicago Tribune,* however, had the following to say, and we quote:

"Postmaster General Walker, invited to address the National Conference of Catholic Charities, had little to say about Christian charity but a good deal to say about the "duty" of America to throw its sons into the bloody turmoil of Europe.

" 'We of America cannot—we shall not—seek a peace purchased at the sacrifice of hopes, the ambitions, the freedom of others,' he said. This is a favorite topic among the warmongers. It is our duty, they tell us, to extend the four freedoms to every corner of the world whatever the cost may be in American blood and treasure.

"Strangely, enough, their anxiety is directed solely toward the restoration of those freedoms in the areas in which it can be accomplished only by the destruction of Hitler. They are not interested in restoring them in the Anglo-Saxon world, although it might be expected that those who pledge the four freedoms at some time in the future to the oppressed peoples of Europe might find it wise to demonstrate their good faith in the field where immediate action is possible."

May we remind the Postmaster General that we would be interested to know if he would consider addressing a group of 10,000 persons in Brooklyn sometime next month on the subject of extending the four freedoms to Ireland even at the cost of committing an affront against Great Britain.

Comment

Silence to Extort Consent

A FORM of censorship exists in the United States as terrible as that exercised by the *gestapo* in Germany.

To this conclusion one is led by accepting the premises of an editorial recently published by the *Chicago Tribune* (Oct. 11).

It reads as follows:

"The Government is continually extending its activities in the fields of communications, information, and propaganda. All the New Deal bureaus have for years had their own press handout organizations. To these have been added Lowell Mellett's Office of Government Reports, Col. William Donovan's Office of the Co-ordinator of Information, and, within the last few days, Archibald MacLeish's Office of Facts and Figures.

"There is some overlapping, but nevertheless the functions of these three seekers after the mantle of an American Dr. Goebbels seem clearly enough defined. Mr. Mellett would like to be the censor. Col. Donovan, who already is broadcasting 'news' to Europe, would be minister of propaganda. Mr. MacLeish, a New England poet, but more recently librarian of congress, would dedicate himself to the concept of 'Mending Wall' so memorably advanced by another New England poet. He would try to repair the discrepancies in information distributed by the other informers.

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"The public may be inclined to wonder why, with so many vehicles of information, the administration's engine of enlightenment does little except cough and sputter. Constantine Brown of the *Washington Post*, speaking for the Capital journalists, put it very well the other day when he said:

" 'Washington journalists and some high government officials have paraphrased one of Prime Minister Churchill's historic statements about the gratitude of the British people to the royal air force, and have applied it to the news situation in this country. The paraphrasing of Mr. Churchill goes:

" 'Never in the history of the world has so much been kept from so many by so few.'

" 'Until the relationship between the governments of the United States and Great Britain became as intimate as it is now, Americans were the best informed people in the world on world events. Washington was the clearing house for world-wide information. The Administration was interested in keeping the public informed so the average citizen could form a clear idea of American policies.

" 'Today all this has changed. A questionable policy of secrecy has been imposed from overseas on Washington officialdom to an extent unknown even during the last war. It is unofficially explained that while the Administration is fully aware of the importance of sharing the news received in Washington with the American people, much of it is being kept from the public eye at the request of the British ministry of information.

" 'The result of this policy has been that while some high officials in Washington know what is really happening outside of this country, the public is being kept in comparative ignorance. There is no censorship of news; that is to say, no government department makes the remotest attempt to censor news—if you can get it.'

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"What we have here is acknowledgment by the Administration of the right of Britain to decide how much is best for the American public to know—from the British standpoint. The American war party is quite willing to assist in any way it can. It is hellbent to put our boys on the firing line and so are the British. There is no conflict of views on this score.

"The Washington bureaucracy has another and equally good reason for clamping down on information that rightfully should be at the disposal of the American people. It is attempting not only to advance the war cause but to conceal its countless sins of omission and commission. It doesn't want the people to learn too much. It prefers to outfit them with dark glasses, a cane, and a cup before taking them by the arm to steer them on the course to greater disaster."

A Father Calls the Turn

CONGRESSMAN Earl C. Michener of Michigan inserted a letter in the *Congressional Record* of October 21st. The citizen who wrote the letter is the father of two exceptionally fine sons both of whom were in college; both of whom voluntarily enlisted in the Service.

As you know, there are no strikes or sit-downs in the Army or in the Navy. That would be contrary to the spirit of national defense—if any.

As you know, there is the growing menace of strikes in industry which is just as important for national defense as are both the Army and the Navy.

In one instance the Government appears to be more virtuous than virtue itself in preventing sit-downs and strikes. In the other instance, the Secretary of Labor, under the direction of the President himself, has proven by her statements and her actions to be in favor of sit-downs and therefore of strikes.

Here is the *ad rem* letter which covers this subject:

"Dear Mr. President: I am writing you for some advice on the matter that is so near to the hearts of every American today.

"What is the right thing for me to advise my two sons, who are now in the armed forces of our country, trying to do the best they can to protect this country we all love.

"Our neighbors have sons in factories making things very essential to the country, and they are advising their sons to strike for more wages, better working conditions, and even for men in other factories they have never seen, who believe they are not getting all the money they can under the present conditions.

"Now I realize, Mr. President, that my neighbors have a perfect right to advise their sons along that line, because as yet, our country is free, but do I have a right to advise my sons to come home and wait for their sons to get all the money they can, and then when they are perfectly satisfied, to begin their work and make the things that are very essential to my sons in the Army?

"Both our sons, my neighbors and my own, volunteered for the positions they now hold. My sons get small wages for the kind of occupation they are following and yet they write letters home telling us they are getting along fine. Do I have a right, Mr. President, to tell them how foolish they are not to organize and demand more money and shorter hours, as well as better working conditions?

"I would appreciate your honest opinion on this perplexing question.

Thomas Jefferson On Dictators

FOR ALL practical purposes, we Americans have surrendered our purses to the President.

For all practical purposes, Congress and the Supreme Court bow before the will of the President.

For all practical purposes, we Americans have a smiling dictator.

Meanwhile, corruption and tyranny are setting in.

Corruption is seizing the heads of Government. Corruption is spreading throughout the body of the people. Corruption is purchasing the voices of the people.

Thomas Jefferson had something to say on all this.

In his *"Notes on the State of Virginia"* he wrote:

"The public money and public liberty, intended to have been deposited with three branches of magistracy but found inadvertently to be in the hands of one only, will soon be discovered to be sources of wealth and dominion to those who hold them; distinguished too by this tempting circumstance, that they are the instrument, as well as the object of acquisition. With money we will get men, said Caesar, and with men we will get money.

"Nor should our assembly be deluded by the integrity of their own purposes, and conclude that these unlimited powers will never be abused, because themselves are not disposed to abuse them. They should look forward to a time, and that not a distant one, when corruption in this, as in the country from which we derived our origin, will have seized the heads of government, and be spread by them through the body of the people; when they will purchase the voices of the people, and make them pay the price.

"Human nature is the same on every side of the Atlantic, and will be alike influenced by the same causes. The time to guard against corruption and tyranny, is before they shall have gotten hold on us. It is better to keep the wolf out of the fold, than to trust to drawing his teeth and talons after he shall have entered."

And, Mr. Roosevelt pretends to be a great Jeffersonian, as do those who surround him so subserviently.

Letters

SOCIAL JUSTICE aims to make this page a free forum and readers' opinions are invited. Naturally the views expressed are not always those of this magazine. We cannot guarantee that contributions sent to SOCIAL JUSTICE can be returned to the writers. Letters not signed with the writer's name and address cannot be considered, although the name will not necessarily be used. We reserve the right to publish all letters received unless contrary instruction is specifically given.

America First and Only!

TO THE EDITOR:

I noticed in SOCIAL JUSTICE a column "For Fathers."

This letter is not along the line of your column but it is from a father with three sons at present serving in the United States Army with my full blessing and consent so far as defense of the United States is concerned; but not for the purpose of an aggressive war fomented by gentlemen and ladies in high places whose interest is more in foreign lands than in this country of ours.

In the past couple of years we have been surfeited with tales of suffering refugees who, strange to relate, brought enough money with them to start business here without any respect for American labor conditions or business ethics. Those same refugees are very loud in their demand for America's entry into the war, and if talked to and put in their place they raise the hysterical cry of "anti-Semitic."

That brings me to the question I want to ask. I and millions more of my people are refugees from the blessings of English "dam-mocracy," not of ancient but modern vintage, as witness present conditions in India and the Six Northern Counties of Ireland, which according to England's puppet, Mr. Andrews, is "a Protestant country for Protestant people."

It is an old truism that one should clean his own house before meddling with his neighbor's; and accordingly, should not Mr. Roosevelt suggest to his mentor, Mr. Churchill, that the four freedoms (or is it three, now?) be installed in the British Empire before extending them any further?

In conclusion, let me say that it would be more logical and consistent to expect the Jews to fight on the side of Hitler than to expect the Irish to help the originators of the Black and Tan scourge; the South African concentration camps; the pitch cap; the cry of "nits will be lice" while tossing suckling babes from bayonet point to bayonet point; the same price of five pounds on the head of a teacher, a priest and a wolf!

Our duty is to get a government that will think of the United States of America FIRST, and the English think of England, and the Russian, German and every other government thinks first of their own country.

Let our motto and our banner blazon forth to the world: "For America and America Only!"

Bronx, New York —T.F.R.

80 Per Cent for Unity

TO THE EDITOR:

Lack of national unity is often deplored in this time of emergency, created more by a war-mongering minority than by accident or sun spots.

But even though complete unity is neither possible or, perhaps, desirable — because the world can always progress better with intelligent variety than unanimous uniformity—it would seem more natural for the 80 per cent of peace-loving Americans to request a united front for peace, than it is for the 20 per cent war *clique* to pretend or demand the conversion of the vast peace army to their slaughterous crusade in the name of unity.

Some New Deal politician had occasion to state that economic crises are man-made. Perhaps, he was right.

But is it not also possible that war crises are created by human intrigues?

What we really need nowadays is more consistency and less hypocritical fickleness.

Upper Darby, Pa. —G.A.F.

Enthusiasm, and Work

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently at a peace rally the speaker referred to SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine and Father Coughlin and the audience with their great enthusiasm nearly lifted the roof.

Why not put some of this enthusiasm to work, by assisting SOCIAL JUSTICE sellers after church when you attend services? The Chicago office of SOCIAL JUSTICE has an energetic and efficient chief distributor who, I'm sure, would be happy to have your service in this crusade for Christianity and Americanism.

A list of the sections of the city not now covered is also available for those interested in selling SOCIAL JUSTICE.

In the name of the sellers of long service who are giving much of their time in this crusade, I'd like to appeal to new enthusiasts for their assistance.

Chicago, Ill. —C.A.S.

Again and Again and Again 'Milady Talks Too Much'

TO THE EDITOR:

Back in 1938, a Dr. E. Lodge Curran wrote an article entitled *"Milady Talks Too Much"* which appeared in the July 11, 1938, issue of SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Dr. Curran called attention to the obvious in these words: "The American people elected the President of the United States; they do not elect his wife . . . They are not interested in her attitude towards national or international politics. They do not look upon her as the official mouthpiece of the Administration, nor do they like her to assume any such responsibility . . . She should be wary of statements that insult or annoy the political or racial or religious attitudes of any group in the American nation."

The good Doctor admits that "No one disputes the fact that the President's wife has a mind of her own and, therefore, a right to her own opinions on any subject . . . We do insist that among the sacrifices which the President's wife should have made and still should make is the sacrifice of silence . . . Speech is silver but silence is golden. We believe that the First Lady of the Land should return to the gold standard!"

Specifically, the Doctor quotes from the *Daily News* on her Easter (1938) bombardment which was particularly resentful: "She ranged from the proposed embargo on babies, through the sex education of children, touched on the motion picture, *'The Birth of a Baby'* . . ."

The Doctor asserts in his article: "The First Lady has insulted millions of Christian men and women throughout this country who are loyal to the teachings of their God and their Church and who believe that the birth of children is the first and finest flower of matrimony."

Again and again and again, "Milady talks too much," this time on the religious freedom of Russia. I quote the *Herald Tribune* (Oct. 6, 1941):

"I am interested to find so many people exercised over whether there is an opportunity to worship God without hindrance, according to individual preference, in the churches of Russia . . . I believe that there has never been any question in Russia of the right of people to get together to form a church and obtain a license. The only difficulty was the lack of educational opportunity for priests and ministers, and this has created a lack of leadership in the spiritual life of the people."

If "Milady" would know the truth—versus her erroneous opinion concerning freedom of religion in Soviet Russia—we would advocate her reading again and again and again the articles in SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine (Oct. 13), by Bishop Raymond J. Wade of Detroit, Michigan, a Methodist, Dr. Alexander Stacey, Russian-born Methodist minister of Rhinebeck, New York, and also the article by the Very Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, representative of the Pope in Russia in 1922 and 1923.

We borrow these words from Dr. E. Lodge Curran's article, *"Milady Talks Too Much"* for our conclusion: "Talkative people are always plunging into trouble. This was one subject from which we would have thought the First Lady would have escaped."

New York, N. Y. —J.M.

Nazis Help New Deal!

TO THE EDITOR:

The slogan, "You Can't Do Business With Hitler," should read: "We wouldn't be doing business but for Hitler."

The "we," of course, refers to Americans; for the wily British will do business with Hitler or anybody else that will turn them a profit.

The Hitler "bogey" gave Franklin Roosevelt a new lease on political life. It was his opportunity, not only to declare a national emergency, but to become President of the United States for a third term, in violation of a sacred Washington tradition!

Under this emergency hoax, the New Deal chief has invoked conscription in time of peace, to put American boys into non-productive military service at the expense of American taxpayers, because his New Deal had proved unequal to the task of providing them with productive jobs in the normal fields of endeavor.

But for the devil there would be no need of preachers. Hitler gave Roosevelt his excuse to raid the U. S. Treasury.

What would the New Deal do without Hitler? They "need him in their business"; if Hitler falls the New Deal would collapse!

Kansas City, Mo. —H.D.K.

Truth Basis of Unity

TO THE EDITOR:

Great confusion in the world is caused by two factions: one for the good, and the other for the destruction of the world and Christianity. For many years the teaching of Father Coughlin was heard both on the air and through the columns of SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine. He was silenced on the air because he was enlightening the people concerning social justice and real Christianity.

Neither the New Deal nor the Communists could stand to have the truth told to the people.

The downtrodden will some day bless Father Coughlin for his efforts to save them from slavery and to keep this country out of war, which certain New Dealers have been working to get us into for the last five years.

These new dealers tried to lift the arms embargo to give the Communists a chance to whip Christianity in Spain. Now they talk national unity; but they will never get unity as long as they help godless Russia in the name of "democracy" and Christianity.

If they want unity they must tell the truth, not lies — that is Communist tactics.

The people who are against war would fight to the last man for our free America, but not for the kind of "democracy" represented by Britain, Russia, or the international bank *clique* who are the cause of war.

—P.J.D.

Sioux City, Iowa

Letters

He Knows Russia

TO THE EDITOR:

To read of the efforts to turn Josef Stalin and his party into a company of saints should make Christian people think. A few weeks ago we held, and still hold for that matter, that Communism and Bolshevism with all its evils as practised in Soviet Russia is not for us Americans.

I worked side by side with Father Walsh of Georgetown University for nearly two years. Like many other people we were thoroughly disillusioned about the actual practice of Communism and reliability of the government to keep agreements.

We who worked in Russia could tell endless stories of murder, exile, starvation and other tortures meted out to clergymen and Christians just because they persisted in confessing their faith in God. To compare, as our President so ill-informed does, the freedom of religion in Russia with our freedom here is taxing our intelligence.

Whatever there is in the Soviet constitution about freedom of religion or any of the four freedoms we must bring to the entire world is only on paper to dupe foreigners. One must have lived in Russia to know that.

As a Christian who knows quite a great deal and having had months and months of official dealings with Soviet high officials I like to quote President Roosevelt's:

"The plague on both your houses" — Communism and Nazi-ism and all other isms which we do not want to give a foothold here in America.

Syracuse, N. Y. —W.L.S.

Pro-War Priests

TO THE EDITOR:

The Catholic Laymen's Committee for Peace took a poll of Catholic priests of the United States to find out how they stood on war and aid to Russia.

According to the *Catholic Universe Bulletin*, 92 per cent voted "no" on war and aid to Russia.

Now it is true that only a very small per cent favor war or aid to Russia but small as it seems why in the name of God does any Christian priest want war at all?

Wars are never justified when they could have been so easily avoided, and quickly stopped as this one could have been.

How can anyone who tries to live up to the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" follow with respect the leadership of Bishop or priest who counsels war and aid to Communists?

Cleveland, Ohio —E.R.

A Leaking Bark

TO THE EDITOR:

Msgr. Fulton Sheen believes that after this war Russia will become a great mission field. This, I too, believe.

Also I venture to state that the United States will likewise become a great mission field. Only in the case of the U.S.A. the endeavor will have to consist in re-converting the Catholics.

Catholic Christians could certainly take in their stride a betrayal by a President and his chosen administration. They would, I say, be able to take that kind of betrayal with understanding; because, all their lives, Mother Church has taught them the Way of the Cross.

What they cannot understand are the leaders of the faith and their false teachings and writings and the priest in the temple (church) today who preaches Christ and who in practise compromises with Mammon.

—M.A.C.

San Francisco, Calif.

They Get It Now!

TO THE EDITOR:

Why not start a fund to send SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine to every member of Congress?

This would be a practical means of bringing your message to our elected Representatives every week.

Brooklyn, N. Y. —W.T.B.

Christians Help Reds

TO THE EDITOR:

Those Christians who know the menace of the Reds have need to recognize that Christian trade and Christian votes have given the Reds their present power over Christians.

Why do Christians stupidly buy from and vote for the Red element; no Red ever votes or buys from a Christian.

During the Christmas season of some years ago, some enthusiastic and practical New York Christians displayed a sign reading: "Buy Christian at Christmas." Their display of the sign was stopped and they were ordered to be arrested by the La Guardia Red city government.

We might at least be as loyal as the Red element by voting for and buying from our own.

Meantime New York "patriotism" finds full expression in the new ballad, *"Onward, Christian Soldiers, we will make the uniforms!"*

New York City —S. O'S.

Confused Catholics

TO THE EDITOR:

Many Catholics seem to be confused. They don't know what to believe anymore, actually beginning to doubt.

Some say that there should not be a "controversy" in the Church.

There is no controversy in the Church, or its teachings. Let these persons consider that Christ's life was a symbol of His Church.

He took unto Himself twelve simple ordinary men and made them Apostles. One of the 12 betrayed Him. It was Judas Iscariot! And just as one out of 12 betrayed Him, you will find Judases among Christ's closest followers until the end.

Only the Judases of today are cowards: they are afraid to go the whole way — they will not hang themselves like Judas did.

This whole so-called "controversy" is proof that the Church is Militant, Suffering and Triumphant—Christ's Church, apostolic and universal!

Baltimore, Md. —C.K.

Need Not Have Been

TO THE EDITOR:

The most illiterate section of our country—the South—is all for war. The most literate—the West and Mid-West—is for peace.

The endless shipment of lease-lend goods continues to godless Russia, while millions of true Americans are forced to deny themselves more and more of certain necessities of life.

Noticeably, too, our citizens are becoming more and more afraid and hesitant to speak out honestly for America. This is due to mounting fear of the administration war *clique*. Like situations exist under European dictatorships.

Bewilderment and uncertainty is more and more apparent.

It is soul sickening to see the noble words "charity begins at home" ignored in this fair land. And it is heart-wearying to realize how true Americanism, as counseled by our intrepid forefathers, is today completely discouraged.

We even hear 80 per cent of our people called "Nazis" by a certain little *clique* of interventionist and international word warriors. And it need not to have been so!

College Point, N. Y. —M.J.K.

Letters to Papers

TO THE EDITOR:

I have always read all the letters published in SOCIAL JUSTICE along with everything else in the magazine.

Here in Utica some of Father Coughlin's followers frequently write letters to the newspapers.

It occurred to me that more letters presenting our viewpoints should be offered to the letters forums of the newspapers.

If you contributors to the Letters page are not already writing to our local papers, might I suggest that you do so, and persuade others to do likewise.

Utica, N. Y. —J.E.

1,295 Catholic Priests Would Help Red Russia!

TO THE EDITOR:

O tempora, O mores! How times change!

In the newspapers of October 15th we find an item reporting a survey made by the Catholic Laymen's Committee for Peace, wherein 12,038 clergy out of 13,155 voted against American entrance into the European war. These figures showed 91 per cent against war—about the same percentage for the clergy as for the people in general.

However, conversely, we find some 9 per cent of the Catholic clergy in favor of bloodshed and war. Think of it—9 per cent of the ministers of God, disciples of brotherly love, actually advocating the hell of war!

According to their own figures our clergy are no better informed or better educated or better inculcated with Christian philosophy than the average American citizen.

On the second question of aid to Communist Russia, we find 11,860 clergymen out of 13,155 saying no; and, conversely, we find 9.9 per cent shouting yes.

Shades of St. Peter! Here we find 1,295 Catholic clergy in favor of sending aid to Communistic, atheistic, Soviet Russia!

In regard to the war question it may be argued that it is debatable; but aid to Communist Russia is simply not debatable for Catholic Christians.

Pope Pius XI most solemnly stated: "Brethren be not deceived; Communism is intrinsically wrong and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any manner whatsoever."

That's plain; that's official; and no amount of philosophical hair-splitting will argue it away.

Talk about your comedy of errors—1,295 Catholic priests vote to aid Communist Russia after Pius XI clearly forbade "collaboration" with Communism "in any manner whatsoever." Is it possible that some of these clergymen never heard of the encyclical letter against atheistic Communism? It certainly cannot be possible that any of them never heard of Pius XI!

If our churchmen are worried because of mixed marriages, divorce, birth control, and the morale of their congregations crumbling, just maybe it is because the pillars of their churches are foundering in the sands of indecision, false prudence and compromise with political expediency.

—J.W.M.

Chicago, Illinois

How They Voted

House Vote on Arming of Merchant Vessels

AMENDMENT of the *Neutrality Act* of 1939 to permit the arming of merchant vessels is another step toward American involvement in a full-fledged "shooting war."

Many readers of SOCIAL JUSTICE are keeping a file on the records of their Congressmen in relation to the various Administration measures which, in contradiction to the Roosevelt election campaign promises of 1940, are leading this nation into the destructive conflict to preserve the British Empire.

For the benefit of those readers we present below the roll call vote in the House of Representatives, October 17, by which the House approved, 259 to 138, the amendment permitting the arming of United States merchant ships.

The Senate has yet to vote on the measure.

FOR THE BILL—259

Democrats—219

Allen, Louisiana
Arnold, Illinois
Barden, North Carolina
Barnes, Illinois
Beam, Illinois
Beckworth, Texas
Beiter, New York
Bell, Missouri
Bland, Virginia
Bloom, New York
Boehne, Indiana
Boggs, Louisiana
Boland, Pennsylvania
Bonner, North Carolina
Boren, Oklahoma
Boykin, Alabama
Bradley, Pennsylvania
Brooks, Louisiana
Brown, Georgia
Bryson, South Carolina
Buck, California
Buckley, New York
Bulwinkle, North Carolina
Burch, Virginia
Burgin, North Carolina
Byrne, New York
Camp, Georgia
Cannon, Florida
Capozzoli, New York
Cartwright, Oklahoma
Casey, Massachusetts
Celler, New York
Chapman, Kentucky
Clark, North Carolina
Claypool, Ohio
Cochran, Missouri
Coffee, Washington
Cole, Maryland
Collins, Mississippi
Colmer, Mississippi
Cooley, North Carolina
Cooper, Tennessee
Courtney, Tennessee
Cox, Georgia
Cravens, Arkansas
Creal, Kentucky
Crosser, Ohio
Cullen, New York
D'Alesandro, Marylan
Davis, Ohio
Davis, Tennessee
Delaney, New York
Dickstein, New York
Dies, Texas
Dingell, Michigan
Domengeaux, Louisiana
Doughton, North Carolina
Downs, Connecticut
Drewry, Virginia
Duncan, Missouri
Durham, North Carolina
Eberharter, Pennsylvania
Edmiston, West Virginia
Eliot, Massachusetts
Elliott, California
Faddis, Pennsylvania
Fitzgerald, Connecticut
Fitzpatrick, New York
Flaherty, Massachusetts
Flannagan, Virginia
Forand, Rhode Island
Folger, North Carolina
Ford, Mississippi
Ford, T. F., California
Fulmer, South Carolina
Gathings, Arkansas
Gavagan, New York
Gore, Tennessee
Granger, Utah
Grant, Alabama
Green, Florida
Gregory, Kentucky
Haines, Pennsylvania
Hare, South Carolina
Harris, Virginia
Harris, Arkansas
Hart, New Jersey
Harter, Ohio
Healey, Massachusetts
Hebert, Louisiana
Heffernan, New York
Hendricks, Florida
Hobbs, Alabama
Holbrock, Ohio
Houston, Kansas
Imhoff, Ohio
Izac, California
Jackson, Washington
Jarman, Alabama
Johnson, Oklahoma
Johnson, West Virginia
Johnson, Luther, Texas
Johnson, Lyndon, Texas
Kee, West Virginia
Kefauver, Tennessee
Kelley, Pennsylvania
Kelly, Illinois
Kennedy, New York
Keough, New York
Kerr, North Carolina
Kirwan, Ohio
Klein, New York
Kocialkowski, Illinois
Kopplemann, Connecticut
Kramer, California
Lanham, Texas
Larrabee, Indiana
Lea, California
Leavy, Washington
Lesinski, Michigan
Lewis, Colorado
Lynch, New York
McCormack, Massachusetts
McGehee, Mississippi
McGranery, Pennsylvania
McIntyre, Wyoming
McKeough, Illinois
McLaughlin, Nebraska
McMillan, South Carolina
Maciejewski, Illinois
Maciora, Connecticut
Magnuson, Washington
Mahon, Texas
Manasco, Alabama
Mansfield, Texas
May, Kentucky
Meyer, Maryland
Mills, Arkansas
Mitchell, Illinois
Monroney, Oklahoma
Moser, Pennsylvania
Murdock, Arizona
Myers, Pennsylvania
Nelson, Missouri
Norrell, Arkansas
Norton, New Jersey
O'Neal, Kentucky
O'Toole, New York
Pace, Georgia
Patman, Texas
Patrick, Alabama
Patton, Texas
Pearson, Tennessee
Peterson, Florida
Peterson, Georgia
Pfeifer, New York
Pierce, Oregon
Plauche, Louisiana
Poage, Texas
Priest, Tennessee
Ramsay, West Virginia
Ramspeck, Georgia
Randolph, West Virginia
Rankin, Mississippi
Richards, South Carolina
Rivers, South Carolina
Robertson, Virginia
Robinson, Utah
Rogers, Oklahoma
Romjue, Missouri
Sabath, Illinois
Sacks, Pennsylvania
Sanders, Louisiana
Sasscer, Maryland
Satterfield, Virginia
Scanlon, Pennsylvania
Schuetz, Illinois
Schulte, Indiana
Scrugham, Nevada
Sheppard, California
Sheridan, Pennsylvania
Sikes, Florida
Smith, Connecticut
Smith, Pennsylvania
Smith, Virginia
Smith, Washington
Smith, West Virginia
Snyder, Pennsylvania
South, Texas
Sparkman, Alabama
Spence, Kentucky
Steagall, Alabama
Sullivan, Missouri
Sumners, Texas
Sutphin, New Jersey
Tarver, Georgia
Terry, Arkansas
Thom, Ohio
Thomas, Texas
Thomason, Texas
Traynor, Delaware
Vincent, Kentucky
Voorhis, California
Walter, Pennsylvania
Ward, Maryland
Wasielewski, Wisconsin
Weaver, North Carolina
Weiss, Pennsylvania
Wene, New Jersey
West, Texas
Whelchel, Georgia
Whittington, Mississippi
Wickersham, Oklahoma
Williams, Missouri
Woodrum, Virginia
Worley, Texas
Wright, Pennsylvania
Young, Ohio
Zimmerman, Missouri

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Angell, Oregon
Baldwin, New York
Bates, Massachusetts
Bender, Ohio
Canfield, New Jersey
Case, South Dakota
Cluett, New York
Cole, New York
Culkin, New York
Cunningham, Iowa
Eaton, New Jersey
Fellows, Maine
Fish, New York
Ford, L. W., California
Gearhart, California
Gamble, New York
Gerlach, Pennsylvania
Hall, Edwin A., New York
Hancock, New York
Holmes, Massachusetts
Kilburn, New York
Kunkel, Pennsylvania
Lecompte, Iowa
McLean, New Jersey
Mott, Oregon
Pheiffer, New York
Plumley, Vermont
Powers, New Jersey
Rockefeller, New York
Rogers, Massachusetts
Smith, Maine
Stearns, New Hampshire
Thomas, New Jersey
Treadway, Massachusetts
Vreeland, New Jersey
Wadsworth, New York
Wigglesworth, Massachusetts
Winter, Kansas
Wolverton, New Jersey

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Coffee, Nebraska
Fogarty, Rhode Island
Harrington, Iowa
Hill, Washington
Hook, Michigan
Hunter, Ohio
Kennedy, Martin J., New York
Ludlow, Indiana
McArdle, Pennsylvania
O'Brien, Michigan
O'Connor, Montana
O'Leary, New York
Rabaut, Michigan
Secrest, Ohio
Shanley, Connecticut
Shannon, Missouri
Sweeney, Ohio
Tenerowicz, Michigan
Tolan, California
White, Idaho

AGAINST THE BILL

Republicans—113

Allen, Illinois
Andersen, Minnesota
Anderson, California
Andresen, Minnesota
Andrews, New York
Arends, Illinois
Baumhart, Ohio
Bennett, Missouri
Bishop, Illinois
Blackney, Michigan
Bolton, Ohio
Bradley, Michigan
Brown, Ohio
Burdick, North Dakota
Butler, New York
Carlson, Kansas
Carter, California
Chenoweth, Colorado
Chiperfield, Illinois
Clevenger, Ohio
Copeland, Nebraska
Crawford, Michigan
Crowther, New York
Curtis, Nebraska
Day, Illinois
Dewey, Illinois
Ditter, Pennsylvania
Dondero, Michigan
Dworshak, Idaho
Elston, Ohio
Engel, Michigan
Englebright, California
Fenton, Pennsylvania
Gale, Minnesota
Gillie, Indiana
Graham, Pennsylvania
Grant, Indiana
Guyer, Kansas
Gwynne, Iowa
Hall, New York
Harness, Indiana
Hartley, New Jersey
Heidinger, Illinois
Hess, Ohio
Hill, Colorado
Hoffman, Michigan
Hope, Kansas
Howell, Illinois
Jarrett, Pennsylvania
Jenkins, Ohio
Jenks, New Hampshire
Jennings, Tennessee
Jensen, Iowa
Johns, Wisconsin
Johnson, California
Johnson, Illinois
Johnson, Indiana
Jones, Ohio
Jonkman, Michigan
Kean, New Jersey
Keefe, Wisconsin
Kinzer, Pennsylvania
Knutson, Minnesota
Lambertson, Kansas
Landis, Indiana
McGregor, Ohio
Maas, Minnesota
Martin, Massachusetts
Mason, Illinois
Michener, Michigan
Mundt, South Dakota
Murray, Wisconsin
O'Brien, New York
O'Hara, Minnesota
Oliver, Maine
Osmers, New Jersey
Paddock, Illinois
Pittenger, Minnesota
Ploeser, Missouri
Rankin, Montana
Reece, Tennessee
Reed, Illinois
Reed, New York
Rees, Kansas
Rich, Pennsylvania
Rizley, Oklahoma
Robertson, North Dakota
Rodgers, Pennsylvania
Rolph, California
Robsion, Kentucky
Scott, Pennsylvania
Shafer, Michigan
Short, Missouri
Simpson, Pennsylvania
Smith, Ohio
Smith, Wisconsin
Springer, Indiana
Stefan, Nebraska
Stevenson, Wisconsin
Stratton, Illinois
Sumner, Illinois
Talle, Iowa
Thill, Wisconsin
Tibbott, Pennsylvania
Tinkham, Massachusetts
Van Zandt, Pennsylvania
Vorys, Ohio
Welch, California
Wilson, Indiana
Wolcott, Michigan
Wolfenden, Pennsylvania
Woodruff, Michigan
Youngdahl, Minnesota

Farmer-Labor—1

Buckler, Minnesota

Progressives—3

Hull, Wisconsin
Gehrmann, Wisconsin
Sauthoff, Wisconsin

Pairs

Cannon of Missouri (for) with Wheat of Illinois (against)
Vinson of Georgia with Taber of New York
Anderson of New Mexico with Halleck of Indiana
Gossett of Texas with Gifford of Massachusetts
Russell of Texas with Martin of Iowa
Costello of California with Clason of Massachusetts
Starnes of Alabama with Douglas of New York
Gibson of Georgia with Hinshaw of California
Schaefer of Illinois with Byron of Maryland
Jacobsen of Iowa with Connery of Massachusetts
Ellis of Arkansas with Kilday of Texas
Flannery of Pennsylvania with Mills of Louisiana
Kleberg of Texas with Merritt of New York
Disney of Oklahoma with O'Day of New York
Nichols of Oklahoma with Bates of Kentucky
Total voting, 397; 15 pairs; 4 unrecorded; 4 vacancies

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The Great Money Mystery

POLITICAL LIBERTY without economic liberty is a myth —a fiction, a shadow. And, economic liberty can never be attained until usury is stopped and honest national money systems liberate the exploited peoples of the world.

Father F. H. Drinkwater, writing in the *Catholic Times* of London, on the subject of *"Pope Leo and the Bankers"* says:

"An epoch-making encyclical does not come down straight out of heaven like the tongues of fire at Pentecost; it is often the final result—or perhaps only the interim result—of a long process of discussion and ferment in the Church about some particular topic, and this was especially so in the case of *'Rerum Novarum.'*

"For years the Holy See had been urged to give a lead to the faithful in regard to labor troubles and their causes and remedies. For years also, the international study-group of notable Catholics, meeting at Fribourg, (Germany), had worked and consulted and kept the very interested Pope informed; and when the encyclical at last appeared, it was in many respects based upon the Fribourg circle's facts and findings.

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"In one point, however, but a very crucial one, the encyclical was a disappointment to those who had hoped so much from it. In a sentence near the beginning, the Pope states that the mischief has been increased by rapacious usury, which, although more than once condemned by the Church, is nevertheless, under a different guise, but with the like injustice, still practiced by covetous and grasping men.

"That was all—the encyclical did not explain what the 'different guise' was, and anybody could interpret the sentence as he pleased, or ignore it as merely puzzling.

"The Fribourg group had hoped for something much more explicit in the direction of money-reform."

Father Drinkwater then quotes one of the group: "If we do not succeed in transforming our actual system of credit, all other means to rescue us from the social peril will fail."

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Father Drinkwater goes on to point out that the truth about money always has been smothered. Men like Bishop Berkeley, Abraham Lincoln, and Prof. Gesell, became aware of what the money power was doing, but their warnings have been quite successfully pushed out of sight.

"The money-masters took care to control the sources of public authority and information — not to mention the sources of private income—and were able in a thousand ways to silence critics or make them seem mere cranks," the English priest writes.

"Even if Pope Leo XIII had spoken plainly, the money-power would have smothered the effect of his words. If the Pope spoke plainly about the money-power tomorrow, his words would have fallen dead and unheeded by the world.

"How do I know? Because he DID speak plainly, 10 years ago, in *'Quadragessimo Anno,'* and nobody has taken any notice of that part of it except a few money reformers, mostly non-Catholics."

And the *Catholic Times* adds editorially:

"At the back of every depression lies a famine of money, a lack of purchasing power, a want created by the control of the money barons . . . Money must no longer be the master of men, and men its slaves. The supply of money the supply of nature's products and to human demands."

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